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 booke in a lesson how to cōter every abstract in his moneth.

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To the ryght honorable & my speci-

Fol. r.

all good Lord & Master, the Lord Page

of Brudenell.

Chap. r.

MI Lord your father loued me,
and you my lord, haue proued me,
And both your loues haue moued me
to wright as here is donnered,
Synce God hath hence your father,
such flowers as I gather,
I dedicate now rather
to you my Lorde his sonne,

Your father was my founder,
till death became his wounder,
no subiect euer sounder,

whom prynce auancement gaue
As God did here defend him,
and honour here did fend him,
so will I here commend him,
as long as life I haue,

His neighbours then did blisse him,
his seruants now do misse him,
the poore would gladly kisse him,

aline agayne to ben
But God hath wrought his pleasure,
and blest him out of measure,
with heauen & earthly treasure,
so good a god is he.

His counsell had I used,
and Ceres art refused,

I neede

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So neyther this trauel, thal seeme to be lost:

For thou to repent, of this triseling cost.

The figure of abstract, & month do agree,

Which one to another, relations bee.

The lessons that after those figures do stand:

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The Epistle.

I nede not thus haue mused,
nor droope as now I do:

But I must playe the farmer,
and yet no whit the warmer,
although I had his armer,
and other comfort to.

The fox doth make me minde him,
whose glory so did blinde him,
till taile cut of behinde him,
no fare could him contente,
euen so must I be prouling,
such glory I had in louinge,
of things to plough behouinge,
that makes me now repent.

Boytrers I kept so meany,
both philip hob & cheany,
that that waye nothing geany,
was thought to make me thriue:

Like Iugurth Prince of Numid,
my gold away consumid,
with losses so persumid,
was neuer none aliue.

Great fines, so nere did pare me,
great rent, so much did flare me,
great charge, so long did dare me,
that made me at length cry creak:
Much more of all such fleeces,
as oft I lost by peeces,
amonge such wily geeses,
I list no longer speake.

A fops fable

Salust.

Though countrey helth long staid me,
yet lease expiering fraied me,
and (ictus sapit) praied me,
to seke more steady stayer
Newe lessons than I noted,
and some of olde I cored,
least some should thinke I doted,
by bringing naught awaye.

Though Pallas hath denied me,
her learned pen to guideme,
for that she dailie spide me,
with countrey how I stood:
yet Ceres, so did boldeme,
with her good lessons tolde me,
that rudenes cannot holdeme,
from doing countrey good.

Ceres the
Goddesse of
husbandry.

By practise & ill speedings,
these lessons had their breeding,
and not by heare say or reeding,
as some abroad haue blowne,
who, will not thus belieueme,
so much the more they greiueme,
because they grutch to geiueme,
that is of right myne owne.

At first for want of teaching,
at first for trifles breaching,
at first for ouer reaching,
and lack of taking hid:
was cause, that toile so tofme,
that practise so much costme,
that rashnes so much lostme,
or hindred as it did.

Yet will I not dispaire,
 through Gods good gift so faire,
 through frendship, golde & prairie,
 in Countrey againe to dwell:
 Where rent so shall not paine me,
 but paine shall help to gaine me,
 and gaine shall help maintaine me,
 newe lessons and to tell,

For Citie seemes a wringer,
 the peny for to finger,
 from such as there do linger,
 or for their pleasure lye,

Though countrey be more painefull,
 and not so greedy gainefull,
 yet is it not so vaine full,
 in following fancies eye,

I haue no labour wanted,
 to prune this tree I planted,
 whose fruit to none is scante,
 in house nor yet in fyeld:

Which fruite to saye (who haste of)
 though nere so much they taste of,
 yet can they make no waste of,
 such fruite this tree doth yelde:

This tree or booke thus framed,
 with tytle already named,
 I trust goes forth vnblamed,
 in your good Lordships name:

As my good Lorde I take you,
 and neuer will forsake you,
 so now I craue to make you,
 defender of the same.

Your most humble seruant Thomas Cusler.

The authors epistle to the late Lorde Fol. 3

William Paget, wherein be doth discourse of his
owne bringing vp, and of the goodnes of
the sayd Lorde his Master vnto him, and
the occasion of this his booke,
thus set forth of his
owne long prac-
tise.

Chap. 2.

THOMAS
Tyme tryth the trothe, in euerye thinge
How euer man, dothe blase his minde,
Of workes, which best way profit bring,
Men rash to iudge, seme often blinde.
As therefore trothe, in time shall craue:
So let this booke, iust fauour haue.

TVSSAR
Take yow my Lorde, & Master than.
Vnlesse mischance mischansith me:
Such homly gift, of me your man,
Since more in courte I may not be.
And let your praise, wonne heretofore:
Remaine abrode, for euer more.

MADAME
My seruinge yow, thus vnder stand,
And God his help and yours with all:
Dyd cause good lucke to take myne hand,
Errectinge one, moste lyke to fall.
My seruing yow, I know it was,
Enforced this to come to passe.

since

The Epistle.

Since being once, at Cambridge taught,
Of court ten yeres I made assaye:
No musick then, was left vn/taught,
Such care I had, to serue that way.
When ioy gan slake, then made I change,
Expulſed mirth, for musick strange.

My musick ſince, hath ben the plough,
Entangled with ſome care among,
The gayne not great, the payne enough,
Hath made me ſing, another ſong.
Which ſong, if well I may a vow,
I craue, it iudged be by you.

Your ſeruant Thomas Taffer.

Chap.3.

I Haue ben prayde
to shew mine ayde,
in taking payne
not for the gayne,
but for good will
to shew such skill
as shew I could:

That husbandrye
with huswiferye,
as cock & hen
to countrey men,
all straungenes gone
mought ioyne in one

As louers shoulde,

I trust both this,
perfourmed is,
and how that here,
it shall appere,
with iudgement right
to thy delight

is brought to passe:
That suche as wiue
and faine would thrine,
be playnly taught
how good from naught,
may trym be tryed
and liuely spyed
as in a glasse,

What should I wyn
by wrighting in,
my losses past
that ranne as fast,
as running streame
from reame to reame,
that flowes so swift:

For that I could
not get for goulde,
to teache me how
as this doth yow,
through dayly gayne,
the way so playne,
to come by thrift,

What is a grote
or twaine to note,
once in the life
for man or wife,
to saue a pounde
in house or ground
each other wecke:

VVhat more for helth,
what more for welth,
what needeth lesse
runne lack, help Besse,
to stay a mys
not hauing this
farre of to seeke.

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To the Reader

I do not craue
moe thanks to haue,
then geuen to me
al ready be,
but this is all
to suche as shall
peruse this booke:
That for my sake
They gently take
what ere they finde
against their minde,
when he or she
shall mynded be
therein to loke.

And graunte me now
thow reader thowe,
of termes to vse
suche choyce to chuse,
as maye delight
the countrey wight
& knowledge bring:
For such do praise
the countrey phrayse,
the countrey actes
the countrey factes,
the countrey toyes
before the ioyes
of any thinge.

Nor loke thowe here
that euery shere,
of euery verse
I thus reherse,
may profite take,
or vantage make
by lessons such:

For here, we see
things seuerall bee,
and there, no dyke
but champion lyke,
and sandye soyle
and clayey toyle
do differ much.

This beinge waide
be not afrayde,
to buy to proue
to reade with loue,
to followe some
and so to come

by practise trew:
My payne is past
thowe warning hast,
the experience myne
the vantage thyne,
may geue the choyse
to crye or reioyce,
and thus adew.
Finis, T. J. usser.

The Preface. Fol. 5.

Chap. 4.

What lookest thou herein to haue,
Fyne verses thy fancy to please?
Of manye my betters that craue,
Looke nothing but rudenes in these.

What other thinge lookest thou then?
Graue sentences manye to finde?
Such poets haue twenty and ten
Yea thousandes contenting the minde.

What loke ye (I pray you shew what?)
Termes painted with rethorick fyne?
Good husbandry seeketh not that,
Nor ist any meanyng of myne.

What lookest thou (speake at the last)
Good lessons for thee and thy wyfe?
Then keepe them in memory fast,
To helpe as a comfort to lyfe.

What looke ye for more in my booke?
Poyntes needeful and meete to be knowne?
Then dayly be suer to looke,
To saue to be suer thine owne.

The commodities of Husbandry. T. chap. 5.

Let house haue to fill her,

Let land haue to till her,

No dwellers, what profiteth houses to stand,
what goodnes, vnoccupied bringeth the land.

No labor no bread,

No host we be dead,

No husbandry vsed, how soone shall we sterue,
housekeping neglected, what comfort to serue.

Ill father no gift,

No knowledge no thrift,

The father an vnthrift, what hope to the sonne,
the ruler vnskillful, how quickly vndonne.

The prayse of Husbandry. Chap. 6.

As true as thy sayth,

this Riddle thus sayth.

I Seme but a drudge, yet I passe any king,
to such as can vse me, great welch I do bring.
Since Adam first liued, I neuer did die,
when Noe was a shipman, there also was I.
The earth is my storehouse, the sea my fyshponde,
what good is in eyther, by me it is sonde,
what hath any life, but I helpe to preserue,
what wight without me, but is ready to sterue.
In woodland, in Champion, City or towne,
if long I be absent, what falleth not downe.
If long I be present, what goodnes can want,
though things at my comming, were neuer so scat.
So many as loue me, & vse me aright,
with treasure & pleasure, I richly acquite.
Great kings I do succour, else wroꝝg would it go,
the king of all kings, hath appointed it so.

The

Of husband, doth husbandry challenge that name
of husbandry, husband doth likewise the same.
where huswife & huswifery, ioyneth with thease:
there welth in abundance, is gotten wity ease.

The name of a husband, what is it to saye,
of wife & the houlhold, the band & the stave.
Some husbandly thziweth, that neuer had wife,
yet skarce a good husband, in goodnes of life.

The husband is he, that to labour doth fall,
the labour of him, I do husbandry call.
If thrist by that labour, be any way caught:
then is it good husbandry, else is it naught.

So houlhold & houlholdry, I do define,
for folke & the goods, that in house be of thine.
House keping to them, as a refuge is set:
which like as it is, suche report it doth get.

Be house or the furniture, neuer so rude,
of husband & husbandry, (thus I conclude)
with huswife & huswifery, if it be good,
must pleasure together, as cosins in blood.

The Ladder to thrift. chap. 8.

1 **T**ake chy calling thankfully,
and shoonne the path to beggery.

2 **T**o grudge in youth no drudgery,
to come by knowledge perfectly.

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The Ladder to thrift.

- 3 To compt no travell slavery,
that brings in peny sauerly.
- 4 To folow profit earnestly,
but medle not with pilfery.
- 5 To get by honest practisy,
and kepe thy gettings concretly.
- 6 To lash not out too lashingly,
foz feare of prynching penury.
- 7 To get good plot to occupy,
and store & vse it husbandly.
- 8 To shew to landlozde curtesly,
and kepe thy conenants ozderly.
- 9 To holde that thine is lawfully,
foz stoutnes, oz foz slatery.
- 10 To wed good wyfe foz company,
and liue in wedlocke honestly.
- 11 To furnish house with householdry,
and make prouission skilfully.
- 12 To ioyne to wyfe good famely,
and none to keepe foz bzauery.
- 13 To suffer none liue idly,
foz feare of idle knauery.
- 14 To courage wife in huswifery,
and vse well doers gentely.
- 15 To keepe no moze but needefully,
and coumpt excesse vnslauery

16 To rayse betimes thy readye,
both smorting Hob & Margery.

17 To walke thy pastures usually,
to spie ill neighbours subtilty.

18 To hate reuengement hastily,
for loosing loue & amity.

19 To liue by neighbour neighbourly,
and shew him no discourtesy.

20 To answer stranger ciuely,
but shew him not thy secrecie.

21 To vse no frynd deceitfully,
and offer no man villeny.

22 To learne how foe to pacifie,
but trust him not too trustely.

23 To keepe thy touch substantially,
and in thy worde vse constancy.

24 To make thy bandes aduisedly,
and come not bond through suerty.

25 To hate to liue in infamy,
through craft & liuing naughtely.

26 To banish house of blasphemy,
least Crosses crosse vnluckely.

27 To stop mischance, through polere,
for chanyng too vnhappy.

28 To beare thy crosses patiently,
for worldly things are slippery.

The Ladder to thrift.

- 29 To trayne thy childe by vertuously,
that vertue, vice may qualifie.
- 30 To bydle wilde otes fantazye,
to spend thee naught vnchristely.
- 31 To pray to god continually,
to ayde thee against thine enemy.
- 32 To spend the Saboth holply,
and help the poore in misery.
- 33 To liue in conscience quietly,
and keepe thy selfe from malady.
- 34 To ease thy sicknes spedely,
er help be past recovery.

Thease be the steppes vnfaynedly:
to clyme to thrift by husbandry.

The lesson.

Thease steppes both reach
and teache thee shall,
to come by thrift,
to shifte with all.

*Good Husbandly lessons worthy to be followed,
of suche as will thriue. Chap. 9.*

GOD sendeth & geueth, both mouth & the meate,
and feedeth vs all, with his benefites great.
Serue willingly god, that so richly doth geene,
New lue to thy neighbour, & lay for to leene.

2 True

2 True wedlock is best, for auoyding of sinne,
the bed vndefiled, much honour doth winne.
Though loue be in chusing, farre better then gold,
let loue come with somewhat, the better to holde.

3 Where coopples agree not, is ranke & strife,
where such be together, is seldome good life.
where coopples in wedlock, do louely agree:
there foyson remaineth if wisedome there bee.

4 Who loketh to marry, must lay to keepe house,
for loue may not alway, be playing with douse.
If children encrease, & no stay of thine owne,
what afterwards follows, is soone to be knowne.

5 Once charged with children, or likely to bee,
geue ouer to sudgerne, that thinkst to thee.
Least grutching of hostis, & crawing of nurse:
be costly & noysome, to thee & thy purse.

6 Good husbands that loueth, good houses to kepe
are oftentimes carefull, when others do slepe.
To spend as they may, or to stop at the furste,
for running in daunger, or feare of the wurste.

There for
thine.

7 So coumpt with thy coefer, whē haruest is in,
which way for thy profit, to saue or to win.
of tone of them both, if a sauer we smell:
house keeping is godly, where euer we dwell.

8 Sōne, think not thy money, purse bottō to burn
but kepe it for profit, to serue thine owne turne.

a foole & his money, be toone at debater
which after with sorrow, repents him to late.

9 Good bargaine & doing, make prauise but fewe,
in selling, refraine not abroad it to shewe,
in making make haste, & away to thy pouche:
in selling no haste, if ye dare it anouche.

10 Good landlozde who syndeth, is blessed of god,
a cumbersome landlozd, is husband mans rod,
he nopeth, destroueth & al to this drift,
to triph his pooze tenant, of forme & of thrist.

4 beggers

11 Once placed for profit, looke neuer for ease
except ye beware of, suche mychers as thease.
vnthriftnes, mouthfulness, cateles & rashne,
that thrusteth thee hedlong, to runne in the lashe.

Thriftes
officers,

12 Make money thy drudg, for to folow thy wark
make wisedome controller, good order thy clarke.
prouision Cater, & skill to be cooke:
make steward of all, pen & inke & thy booke.

13 Make hunger thy sance, as a medcen for helth,
make thyrist to be buttler, as phisick for welth,
make eye to be blsher, good blage to hane:
make bolt to be poyter, to keepe out a knaue.

14 Make husbandry bayly, abroad to prouide,
make huswifery dayly, at home for to guide
make cofer fast locked, thy treasure to keepe:
make house to be surer, the safer to sleepe.

15 Make

15 Make bandog thy scoutwach, to bark at a thief
make currence for life, to be capitaine chief.
make trapdore thy bulwark, make bell to begyn:
make gunstone & arrow, shew who is within.

16 The credit of master, to brothel his man,
and also of mistris, to minnekinnan,
be causers of opening, a number of gappes:
that letteth in mischief, & many mishapps.

17 Good husbād he trudgeth, to bring in gaires
good huswife she drudgeth refusing no paires,
though husbād at home be to coumpt ye wot what
yet huswiffe within, is as needefull as that.

18 What helpeth in store, to haue neuer so much,
halfe lost by ill vsage, ill huswomes & such,
so, twenty lode bulshes, cut downe at a clapp:
such heede may be taken, shall stop but a gapp.

19 A reachelesse seruant, a mistris that skowles,
a rauening mastiffe, & hogges that eate fowles,
a gyddy Brayne master, & stroy all his knaue:
brings rueling to ruwen, & thurst to her graue.

20 With some vpo Sundaies, their tables do reke
and halfe the weeke after, their dinners to seke,
not often exceding, but alway enough:
is husbandly fare, and the guise of the plough.

21 Eche day to be feasted, what husbandry wurse,
eche day for to feast, is as ill for the purse,

yet measurely feasting, with neighbors among:
shall make the beloued, & leue the more long.

22 Things husbandly hadsome, let workmā cōtrive
but build not for gloze, that thinkest to thriue,
who fondly in doing, consumeth his stock:
in thend for his folly, doth get but but a mock.

23 Spend none but your own, how soeuer ye spend
for bribing & shifting, haue seldome good end,
Tithe duely & truely, with hartly good will:
that god & his blessing, may dwell with thee still.

24 Be suertie seldome, (but neuer for murthe)
for feare of purse penples, hanging by suche.
Of skarbozow warning, as ill I beleue,
when (Sir I arrest ye) gets holde of thy leue.

25 Use (legem pone) to pay at thy daye,
but vse not Oremus, for often delaye.
Pet (Presta quesumus) out of a grate:
of all other collets, the lender doth hate.

26 Who liuing but lends, & be lent to they must,
else buying & selling, mought lye in the dust.
But shameles & craftie, that desperat are:
make many full honest, the worser to fare.

27 At sometime to bozow, accoumpt it no shame,
if iustly thou kepest, thy touch for the same.
who quick be to bozrow, & slow be to pay:
their credit is naught, go they neuer so gay.

28 who breaketh his credit, or cracketh it twise,
trust such with a suertie, if ye be wise.
Or if he be angry, for asking thy due:
once euen, to him afterward, lend not a new.

29 Account it well sold, that is iustly well payd,
& coumpt it well bought, that is neuer denyde.
But yet here is tone, here is tother doth best:
for buyer & seller, for quiet & rest.

30 Leauē princes affaires, vntalked apon,
& tend to such doings, as standeth thee on.
In substance, although ye haue neuer so much,
Delight not in parasites, harlots & such.

31 As Intrest or vsury, plaieeth the dzeuel,
so, hylb ark & filbelly, byeteth as euell.
Put dyesing among them, & docking the dell,
& all thy lyfe long, of a begger go smell.

32 Once weekely remember, thy charges to cast,
once monthly se how, thy expenses may last.
If quarter declareth, too much to be spent,
for feare of ill yere, take aduise of thy rent.

33 who orderly entreth, his payments in booke,
may orderly finde them, againe if hee looke.
And he that entendeth, but once for to paye:
shal finde this in doing, the quietest waye.

34 In dealing bprightly, this counsell I teache,
first reckon, then wyte, or to putle ye do reach.

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then pay & dispatch him, as sone as ye can,
for lingring is hindrance to many a man.

35 Have waights I advise thee, for silver & golde
for some be in knauery, now adayes bolde,
and for to be sure; good money to pay:
receiue that is curreant, as nere as ye may.

36 Delight not for pleasure, two houses to keepe,
least charge without measure, vpon thee do creepe,
and Jaukin & Jempekin, cosen thee so:
to make thee repent it, or pere about go.

37 The stone that is rowling, can gather no mosse,
who often remoueth, is sure of losse.
the riche it compelleth, to pay for his pride,
the pooze, it vndoeth on euery side.

38 The eye of the master, enrittheth the hutch,
the eye of the mistris, auapleth as much.
which eye, if it gouerns with reason & skill:
hath seruant & seruice, at pleasure & will.

39 Who seketh reuengement, of euery wrong,
in quyet nor safety, continueth long.
so he that of wilfulnes, tryeth the lawer:
shall strine for a corcombe, & thine as a dawbe.

40 To hunters & hawkers, take heede what ye say
milde answer with curtesie, driues them away.
so, where a mans better, will open a gapp:
resist not with rudenes, for feare of mishapp.

41 A mā in this world, for a churle that is knowne
shall hardly in quiet, keepe that is his owne.
where lowly & such as of curtesie smelles:
findes fauor & frendship, where euer he dwells.

42 Keepe truely thy Saboth, the better to speede,
keepe seruant fro gadding, but when it is neede.
keepe sƿthday & fastingday, as they do fall:
what custome thou keepest, let others keepe all.

43 Day wekely thy workmā, his household to fede,
pay quarterly seruāts, to buy as they neede.
geue garment to suche, as deserue & no mo:
least thou and thy wife, without garment do go.

44 Beware raskabilia, slouthfull to worke,
pzołopners & filchers, that loueth to lurke.
away with such lubbers, so loth to take payne:
that rouses in expences, but neuer no gayne.

45 Good wife, & good childre, are worthy to eate,
good seruant, good laborer, earneth their meate.
good frend & good neighbour, that fellowly gest:
with hartely welcome, should haue of the best.

46 The greatest preferment, that child we cā geue
is learning & nurture, to trayne him to lye.
which who so it wanteth, though left as a squer:
consumeth to nothing, as block in the sƿer.

47 These lessons approued, if wisely ye note,
may saue & auantage ye, many a grote.

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Good husbandly lessons.
which if ye can follow, occasion founde,
then euery lesson may saue thee a pounce.

An habitation enforced aduisedly
to be followed better late then neuer: made
vpon these wordes, sit downe Robin
and rest thee, Cap. 10.

MY Friend if cause doth wrest thee,
(ere folly hath much opprest thee)
Far from acquaintance keest thee,
where cuntrey may digest thee.
Let wood & water request thee,
In good corne soile to nest thee,
where pasture and meade may brest thee,
And helthsom ayre inuest thee.
Though enuie shall detest thee,
Let that no whit molest thee,
thanke God that so hath blest thee,
And sit downe Robin and rest thee.

Septembers abstract, Cap. 11.

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| September blow soft,
Till fruite be in lost. | Forgotten month past,
Do now at the last. |
| 1 God serue now take,
keepe still or forsake. | 3 Blow, sence, & stoze,
Aught els besoze. |
| 2 What helpes reuine,
The thynning to thynne. | 4 By titts and such,
Few gaineth much. |
| | 5 Horse |

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| 1 | Horse strong & light,
soone charges quight. | 31 | At first hand buy,
at third let lye. |
| | Light hed & purse,
what lightnes wurse. | 32 | Haue money prest,
to buy at the best. |
| 6 | Fewe lends but foolcs,
their working tooles. | 33 | Some cattell home bring,
for Michelmass spring. |
| 7 | For stable & barne,
what furniture lerne. | | By halowe & hound,
small profit is found. |
| | What moze doth neede,
hcare mayst thou recde. | 34 | Dispatche looke home,
to loytering mome. |
| | Keade still dolrue lower,
till twenty & sower. | | Provide o2 repent,
milch kow for lent. |
| 25 | Take shipping o2 ryde,
lent stusse to provide. | 35 | How crone thy sheepe,
fat those ye keepe. |
| 26 | Let Haberden lye,
in prassestrawe dype. | | Auue milking olde kow,
fat aged by now. |
| 27 | Lay much out of hand,
vpon Barlye land. | 36 | Plow, burne o2 mowe,
great stubble love. |
| 28 | Some gayne spe out,
by rydyng about. | | Cate etche er ye plow,
with hog, sheepe & kow. |
| | Marke now of perr,
what cheape, what dere. | | Molue hame a patch,
get home to thatch. |
| 29 | Some sayll doth well,
to buy & sell. | 37 | Where Barley did growe
strike, wheat to sowe. |
| | Of thiese who buyeth,
in danger lyeth. | | Pet better I thinke,
sow pease after drinke. |
| 30 | Commoditie knowne,
abode is blowne, | 38 | Land telleth the plough,
enough is enough. |
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- Each diuers soyle,
hath diuers toyle.
- 39 Know plowing land,
let plow els stand.
Some countreys vse,
that some refuse.
- 40 Few after crop much,
but nodyes & such.
What croppers bee,
here looke & see.
- Whe, Barly & Wheat,
be croppers great.
- Though Otes do sucke,
yet pease do mucke.
- 41 Still carydg is good,
for tymber & wood.
No longer delayes,
to mend the high wayes.
- 42 Home fewell set,
learne where to set.
- 43 In pyling of loggs,
make houell for hoggs.
- 44 Get home with the brake 51
to bryw with & bake.
To couer the shed,
dye, ouer the hed.
- To lye vnder mow,
to rot vnder how.
- 45 Grene Whe have some,
er Wyhell come.
- 46 Graunt soyle her lust,
sow Whe in the dust.
Such seede ye sowe,
such reape or mowe.
- 47 See cozne sowne in,
to thicke nor to thin.
For want of seede,
lande bringeth weede.
- 48 Trench redge & forough,
that water may thorough.
- With sling or bowe,
kepe cozne fro croue.
- 49 Sell butter & cheese,
good sayres fewe leese.
At sayres buy,
home want to supply.
- 50 If hops looke browne,
go gather them downe.
But not in a deawe,
nor pyding with seawe.
- 51 Of Hops this knack,
put in thy packe.
Hops had thy fyll,
go couer his hyll.
- 52 Take Hop to thy dole,
but breake not his pole
53 Learne

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| 53. | Learn here how stranger
to frame hop manger. | | Light ladder & long,
both tree least wrong. |
| 54 | Hop pole preferue,
agayne to serue. | | Go gather with skill;
and gather that will. |
| | Hop pole by & by,
lay safe by & dyp. | 61 | Dyue hyue good coney,
for wer & honey. |
| | Least poles wer skant,
lay new to plant. | | So dyping of hyue,
till peres past fyue. |
| 55 | The Hops kell dypde,
wyl best abide. | 62 | Good dwelling geue her,
or hence goeth thee. |
| | Hops dypde in lost,
aske tendance oft. | 63 | Put boze into styne,
for hallontydne nye. |
| 56 | Hops dyped small cost,
ill kept halfe lost. | 64 | With Boze good wyse,
let naught be amisse. |
| | Hops soone be spilt,
take heede, if thou wilt. | 65 | Harle Hemp lest grene,
now pluck by clene. |
| 57 | Amend marsh wall,
Crab holes & all. | | Drowne hemp as ye nede
once had out seede. |
| 58 | Geld Bulls & Hammes,
seaw ponds, mend dāmes. | | I pray thee good kyn,
drowne hemp in pyt. |
| | Sell webster thy wull,
fruite gather, grapes pull. | 66 | Of all the rest,
whight hemp is best. |
| | For feare of dꝛabbs,
go gather thy crabbs. | | Let skilfull be gotten,
least hemp proue rotten. |
| 59 | Pluck fruite to last,
when Myghel is past. | 67 | Set Strawberies wise,
I loue them for life. |
| 60 | Forget it not,
fruite byused will rot. | 68 | Plant Kesp & Rose,
and suche as those. |
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| 69 | Go gather vp Gaff,
er time be past. | 77 | Marke losse with griefe,
throughe prouling thicke. |
| | Gaff fatts vp swine,
maist kills vp kine. | 78 | To saue pit draine,
boorde long to saue. |
| 70 | Let hoggs be rounge,
both olde & younge. | 79 | Let log be hayle,
least profit quaille. |
| 71 | No maist vpon Oke,
no lenger vn yoke. | | Such boorde & pale,
is ready sale. |
| | If hogg do crye,
geue eare & eye. | 80 | Salwe slab let lye,
for stable & sty. |
| 72 | Hoggs haunting cozne,
may not be bozne. | | Salwe dust spred thik,
makes allep trick. |
| 73 | Good neighbor thow,
good custome allow. | | Now as ye wish,
go seuer thy fysh. |
| | No sharing with dog,
while maist is for hog. | | When frynd shall come,
to be sure of some. |
| 74 | Keepe safely thy fence,
share breake hedge thence. | | Why ponds renew,
put Celes in stew. |
| | A drab & a knaue,
will proule to haue. | | To lins till lent,
and then to be spent. |
| 75 | Marke wynde & moone,
at night & noone. | | Set priue or prim,
set bor like him. |
| | Some riggs the plow,
some mi kes the bow. | | Set herbes some moze,
for wynter stoze. |
| | Some pele some pilch,
some linnen filch. | | Set gillyflowers all,
that grows on the wall. |
| 76 | Ked hur or black,
few proulers lack. | | Solue serdes for the pot,
for flowers solue not. |

Chap. 12.

Prouide agaiſt Michellmas, bargaine to make
For ſerme to geiue ouer, to kepe or to take.
In doinge of either, let wyl beare a ſtroke
For buyinge or ſelling, of pig in the poke.

2 Good ſerme & wel ſtoered, good howling & diſe
Good corne & good dayrie, good market and nie.
Good ſheppard, good tilmā, good Jack & good Til
Shakes huſband and huſwyfe, their coeſers to ſe.

3 Let paſture be ſtoered, and fenced about
And tillage ſet for ward, as nedith with out,
Before ye do open, your purſe to begin,
With any thinge doing, for fanſie with in.

4 No ſtozing of paſture, with baggedgly tyt,
with ragged with aged, and euel athit.
Let karren and barren, be ſhifted awaie,
For beſt is the beſt, what ſo euer ye paie.

5 Hoſe, oxen, plough, tumbrel, cart wagge & wain
The lighter and ſtronger, the greater thy gaine.
The ſoile & the ſede, with the ſheafe and the purſe,
The lighter in ſubſtance, for proſit the worſe.

6 To borrowe to daie, and to morrowe to miſſe
For lender & borrower, noyance it is.
The haue of thine owne, with out lending vnſpilt
Or borrow with ſorrow, as longe as thou wilt.
Barne

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Barne furniture.

7 Barne locked, gofeladder, short pitchfork & long
flayle, graue fork & rake, with a fan that is strong
wing, cartnaue & bushel, peck, strike ready hand:
Brome, casting sholue, sack that is close with a bad

Stable furniture.

8 A stable wel planked, with key and a lock
walles strongly wel liened, to beare of a knock
A rack & a manger, good litter & haie
Swete chaffe & some prouender euery daye.

9 A pytch fork a dong fork, seeue, skep & a bin
A brome and a paille, to put water there in,
A handbarowe, whelebarowe, sholue & a spade,
A currey combe, mainecombe, & whip for a Jade.

10 A buttrice & pinfers, a hamer & naille,
an Apetrn & spylers, for hed & for taile.
Hole byrdle & saddle, whyt leather & nall:
with coller & harneis, for thyller and all.

11 A pannel & wantey, packsaddle & ped,
a line to fetch litter, & halters for hed,
with crotchis & pinns, to hang trinkets there on:
And stable faste chained, that nothing be gon.

12 Strong exeltred cartt, hat is clowted & shod,
cart, ladder & wimble, with percer & pod.
whele ladders for harneist, light pitchfork & tough
shaue, whyplash well knotted, & cart rope enough.

13 Ten sacks, where of ery one holdeth a coome,
a pulling hooke handsome, for bushes & brome.

Lyght

Light Tumbrel, a dong crane, for easing sic wagg:
sholue, pickar & mattock, with battle & bagge.

14 A Grynstone, a whettstone, a hatchet & bill,
with hamer & English naile, sorted with skill.

Husbandry
tooles.

A frower of Iron, for cleaving of lath,
with coule for a sawpe, good husbandry hath.

15 A short saw, & long sawe, to cut atod loggs,
an ar & a nads, to make troffe, for thy hoggs.

Plough fur
niture.

A Douet court betle, & wedges with steles,
strong leauer to rapse, by the block from the whele.

16 Two plows & a plowchein, ii. culters, iii. shares
w ground clouts, & side clouts, for soile & so tares,
with orbowes & orpokes, & other things moe:
for ortime & hozsetime, in plough for to goe.

17 A plow betle, ploughstaf, to funder the plough
great clod to a sunder, that breaketh so rough.

A sled for a plowgh, & another for blacks,
for chimney in winter, to burne up their dacks,

18. sedge collers for plowhorse, for lighnes of neck
good seede & good sower, & also sede peck.

Strong oxen & hozses, well shod & wel clad,
well meated & vled, for making thee sad.

19 A barley rake toothed, with Iron & steele,
like paier of harrowes, & rowler doth weele.

A sling for a moether, a bowe for a boye,
a whip for a carter, is hoigh De la roye.

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20 A bush sythe, & grasse syth, with rife to stand,
a cradle for barley, with rnbstone & sand.
Sharpe sickle & weeding hooke, hayforke & rake,
a meake for the pease, & to swinge vp the brake.

21 Rakes also for barley, long toothed in hed,
and greater lyke toothed, for barley so shed.
With skuttle oz skreive, to ryd soyle fro the come,
and tharing sheares ready, for sheepe to be shorne.

22 Long Ladder to hang all along by the wall,
to reach for a neede, to the top of the hall.
Beame, skales w the waights, & are sealed & true,
Sharp mowl spare w barbs, & the mowle do so rue.

23 Hog pykes, & a twitcher, & rings for a hog,
with tar in a pot, for the byeting of dog.
A sheepe marke, a tarre kete, litle oz mytch,
two pottles of tarre, to a pottle of pytch.

24 A forke & a hoke, to be tampring in clay.
a lath hamer, trowell, a hod oz a tray.
Strong fetters & shakkles, with hoz flock & pad,
Strong soles & such other things, meete to be had.

25 ¶ When haruest is ended, take shipping oz ryde,
lyng, saltfish & herring, for lent to prouide.
To buy at the first, as it commeth to rode,
shall pay for thy charge, thou spendest abyode.

29 Chuse skilfully saltfish, not burnt at the stone,
buy suche as is good, oz els let it alone,

Get

Set home that is bought, & go stack it by dyke,
with pease & straw betwene it, the safer to lye.

27 Et ever ye iourney, cause seruant with speede,
to compas thy barley land, where it is neede.

One acre well compassed, passeth some thre;
thy barne shall at haruest, declare it to thee.

28 This lesson is learned, by ryding about,
the prieses of vitell, the yere thozough out.

Both what to be selling, & what to refraine,
& what to be buying, to bring in againe.

29 Though buying & selling, doth wonderfull wel,
to such as haue skyll, how to buy & to sel.

pet chopping & changing, I cannot commend,
with knaue & his marrow, for feare of ill end.

30 The rich in his bargening, nedes not be tought,
of buyer & seller, full farre is he sought.

Yet herein consisteth, a part of our text:
who buyeth at first hand, at second & next.

31 At first hand he buyeth, that payeth al downe,
at second, that hath not so much in the towne.

at third hand he buyeth, that buyeth of trust:
at his hand who buyeth, shal pay for his lust.

32 As oft as ye bargaine, for better oz worse,
to buy it the cheaper, haue chinks in thy purse.

Couch kept is commended, pet credit to keepe,
is pay & dispatch him, er ever ye sleepe.

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33 Be in debt full late, o' debt full late, o' debt full late,
For thereon dependeth a husbandly thinge,
Though some haue a pleasure, with hawk & po had
Good husbands get treasure, to purchas their lad.

34 The market dispatched, run home againe toid
Least gapping for pease, choynest best a pound,
Provide for thy wike, or else looke to be spent
Good wike, now for winter, another for lent.

35 In travelling hothward, buyd good croncs,
And fat by the bodys, of chosely croncs,
Leaue milking & drie by, clde mulle thy kowe,
The crooked & aged, to fattinge put nowe.

36 Some plowith, some burneth, & wheate stubble
Some a'ter their barelye, laie wheate for a sowe,
Which euer thou mindest, now time it is best,
Or spare it for cattle, & so let it rest.

37 Some v'sith & first pere, a fallow to make,
The next to sowe barley, the better to take,
Next that to sowe pease, & the next to sowe wheate,
Then fallowe againe, or to pasture for neate.

38 Two croppe & a fallow, enrichith the p'ough,
Though t'one be of pease, it is land good enough,
One crop & a fallow, some soile wil abide,
Where if ye saye sadder, laye prolet a side.

39 In Essex & Suffelke, such land I do knowe,
Where excellent rye is, as any can growe,

In tyme yete yet there of, a crop & awaye,
If moze ye do take, ye were better to playe.

40 Still crop vpon crop, many fermers do take,
And reape litle profet, for gredines sake,
Though wheat vpon barley, a croppet is sownde,
As croppet is pease, but a consozt to grownde.

41 Et winter preuentith, while weather is good
For guttinge of pasture, get home with thy wood
And carry out grauel, to fill vp a hole,
Both timber & furzen, the turfe & the cole.

42 Howse, charkole & sedge, chip & turf of the lād,
Wile, tallwood & billet, stack al that hath band
Block rotes, pole & bough, set vpright to the thetch
The nerer, moze hand some, in winter to fetch.

43 In stacking of bauen, & pieling of loggs
Make vnder thy bauen, a houell for hoggs,
And warmly eucluse it, all sauing the mouth
And that to stande open, & full to the south.

44 Get home with thy brakes, er an comer be gon
For teddered cattle, to sit there vpon,
To coouer thy houell, to brew & to bake
To lye in the botom, where mow ye do make.

45 Thresh sode & to fanning, Septēber doth crye
get plough to the feeld, & be sowing of rye
Go harrowe the redgis, er euer ye strike,
This pointe of good husbādrie, Suffolk doth like

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46 Sow we wynter corne timely, to follow his lust,
sowe wheate as ye may, & the rye in the dust.
Be carefull of seede, or els suche as ye sowe,
be suer at haruest, to reape or to mowe.

47 Though beanes be in sowing, but skatered in,
yet wheate, rye & peason, I loue not to thyu.
Sowe barley & dzedge, with a plentiful hand:
least wede stead of seede, ouergroweth thy land.

48 Seede husbādly sown, water sorow thy ground
that raine when it cometh, may run away round.
Then stir about Richoll, with arow & bowe,
a peny for killing, of euery Crowe.

49 At Bartilmewtide, or at Sturberedge faire,
buy that as is needefull, thy house to repaire.
Then sell to thy profit, both butter & cheese,
who buyeth it sooner, the more he shall leese.

Hops gathe 50 If Hops do loke brownish, then are ye to slowe
ring. if longer ye suffer, those hops for to growe.
Nowe, sooner ye gather, more profit is found,
if weather be faire, & deaw of a ground.

51 Not break of but cut of, fro hop the hop string,
leauē growing a litle, againe for to spring.
whose hill about pared, & therewith new clad,
shal nurrish more setts, against March to be had.

52 Hop hillock discharged, of euery let,
se then without breaking, each pole ye out get.
whiche

whiche being vntangled, aboue in the topps:
go carry to such, as are plucking of hops.

53 Take fount which oz hayer (that couers the kell)
set lyke to a manger, & fastoned well.
with pole vpon crotchis, as high as thy brest:
foz sauing & riddance, is husbandry best.

54 Hops had, the hop poles, þ are likely prezerue,
from rotting & breaking, againe foz to serue.
And plant ye with alders, oz willows some plot,
where pearely as nedeth, mo poles may be got.

55 Some skilfully dryeth, their hops on a kell,
and some on a sollar, oft turning them well.
Kell dryde will abide, foule weather oz faire,
where drying & lying, in lost do Despaire.

Hops dry-
ing.

56 Some close them by drie, in a hogshed oz fatt,
pet canuas oz sowtage, is better then that.
By drying & lying, they quickly be spilt,
thus much haue I shewed, do now as thou wilt.

Keeping of
Hops.

57 Saint Mithel doth bid thee, amed þ marsh wall
the breck & the crab hole, the fozeland & all.
one noble in season, bestowed thereon.
may saue thee a hundzed, er wynter be gon.

58 Now geld with the gelder, the ram & the bull,
sew ponds, amend dames, & sell webster thy wull.
Out fruit, go & gather, but not in the draw,
with crab & the wall nutt, foz feare of a shraew.

59 The

September's Husbandry

59 The Moone in y^e wane, gather fruit for to last,
but winter fruite gather, when Michel is past.
Though michers that loue not, to buy nor to craue
make some gather sooner, else few for to haue.

60 Fruite gathered so timely, wil taste of the wood
will shrink & be bitter, & seldome proue good.
So fruit that is shaken, or beate of a tree:
with bruising in falling, soone sawty will bee.

61 Now burn bp the Bees, & ye mynd for to dꝛiue
at mydsomer dꝛiue them, & saue them aliue.
Place hyue in good aꝑer, set southly & warme:
& take in due season, w^et, honey & swarme.

62 Set hyue on a plank (not to low by the ground,
where herb is the flowers, may compas it round,
And boordes to defend it, from north & north east:
from showers & rubbish, from vermin & beast.

63 At Michelmas safely, go styꝑ bp thy boꝛe,
Least straying abzode, ye do se him no moꝛe.
The sooner, the better, for Hallontyde nye:
and better he bzawne, if harde he do lye.

64 Shift styꝑ (for ill aꝑer) as best ye do think,
and twise a day geue him, freshly vtell & dꝛink.
and diligent Cysle, my dayꝛy good wench:
make clenly his cabben, for mealling & stench.

65 Now pluck bp the hemp, & go beat out the sede
and afterward water it, as ye see nede.

But not

But not in the ryuer, where cattel should drinke,
for poisoning them, & the people with stink.

66 Hemp huswisely vsed, lokes chereely & bright,
and selleth it self, by the colour so whight.
Some vseth to water it, some do it not,
be skilfull in doing, for feare it doth rot.

67 Wise into thy garden, & set me a plot,
with strawbery rootes, if the best to be got.
Such growing abrode, among thornes in þ wood
wel chosen & pyked, proue excellent good.

68 The Barbery, respis & goosebery too,
loke now to be planted, as other things doo.
The goosebery, Respis & Roses al thre:
with strawberies vnder them, trumpe agree.

69 To gather some mast, it shall stand thee vpon,
with seruant & children, er mast be all gon,
Some left among bushes, shal pleasure thy swine:
for feare of a mischief, keepe aboynes fro kyne.

70 For rooting of pasture, ring hog ye had neede,
which being well ringled, the better do seede.
Though pong w their elders, wil lightly kepe best
yet spare not to ringle, both great & the rest.

71 Poke neuer thy swine, while þ shacklethyme doth
for diuers misfortunes, that happen to fast. (last,
Or if ye do fansie, whole care of the hog:
geue eye to ill neighbour, & care to his dog.

Septembers Husbandry.

71 Kepe hog I advise thee, from medow & cozne,
for out aloud crying, that ere he was borne.
Such lawles so haunting, both often & long:
if dog set him chanting, he doth thee no wrong.

73 wher lone amōg neighbors, do bere any stroke
whiles shacktime endureth, men vse not to poke.
yet surelie ringling, is nedefull & good:
till frost do enuite them, to brakes in the wood.

74 Kepe safely & warelie, thyne vttermoſt fence,
with lope gap & breake hedge, do ſeldom diſpence.
Such runabout proulers, by night & by day:
ſe puniſhed iuſtly, for prouling away.

75 At noone if it bloweth, at night if it ſhine,
out trudgeth hew makeſhift, with hooke & to line.
whiles Gilleſ his blouſe, is a milking thy kow:
ſp? Hew is a rigging, thy gate oꝝ the plow.

76 Such walk with a black, oꝝ a red little cur,
that open will quickly, if any thing ſtur.
then ſkwattith the maſter, oꝝ trudgeth away:
and after dog runneth, as faſt as he may.

78 Some prouleth for fewell, & ſome away rig,
fat goole & the capon, duck, hen & the pig.
Some prouleth for akornes, to fat by their ſwine:
for cozne & for apples, & all that is thine.

79 Now ſaw out thy timber, for boorde & for pale
to haue it vnſhaken, & ready to ſale.

Beſtow

Bestow it & stick it, & lay it aright,
to finde it in Marche, for woꝝkmen in plight.

80 Saue slab of thy timber, for stable & sty,
for horse & for hog, the moze clenly to lye.
Saue saw dust, & brick dust, & ashes so fine:
for alley to walke in, with neighbour of thine.

Octobers abstract.

Chap. 13.

October good blast,
To blow the hog mast.

Forgotten month past,
do now at the last.

1 Lay dyte by & round,
for barley thy ground.

5 Soyle perfectly knowe,
er reddish ye solve.

2 To late doth kill,
to soone is as ill.

Seeke first go fetch,
for reddish or etch.

3 Maydes little & great,
pyth chene seide wheat.

Withight wheat if ye please
now solve upon pease.

Good ground doth craue,
choyce seeke to haue.

Solve first the best,
and then the rest.

Flayles lustely thwack,
least ploughseed lack.

Bepe Crows good sonne,
he furrowing donne.

4 Iolic sowing a pace,
in euery place.

6 Solve Alhoznes to proue,
that timber do loue.

f. y. 7. Solve

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| 7 | Sowe haekings now,
if ground it allow. | Make handsome a big,
for chaffe to lye in. |
| 8 | Learne soone to get,
a good quick set, | Seede thyselft thou shalt,
thyself barley for malt. |
| 9 | For feare of the wurst,
make fatt away furst. | Cut bushes to hedge,
fence meadow & reUGE. |
| 10 | Fat that no moze,
ye keepe for stoz. | Stamp crabs that may,
for rotting away. |
| 11 | Hyde karen in graue,
lesse noyance to haue. | Make bergis & perye,
sowe hyrnell & berye. |
| 12 | Hog measeled kyll,
for stemming that wyll. | Now gather bp fruit,
of euery suite. |
| | Sys haue an eye,
to Boze in the sty. | Marth wall too sight,
strength now or god night |
| 13 | Keepe doe vpon bow,
for stir of thy how. | Where soyle is of sand,
quick set out of hand. |
| 14 | With pease bolt & bake,
some brew & bake, | No plots not full,
add bzemle & hull. |
| | A Frynd ringle thy hog,
for feare of a dog. | For set no bar,
while month hath an R. |
| | Rye straw bp stak,
least thetcher lack. | Lyke note thou shalt,
for making of malt. |
| | Wheat straw dye saue,
for cattle to haue. | Brew now, to last,
till wynter be past. |
| | Wheat chaffe lay bp dry,
in safetie to lye | |

Chap. 14.

Now lay vp thy barley land, drye as ye can,
when euer ye sowe it, so looke for it than.
Get away aforehand, be neuer behinder:
least winter preventing, do alter thy mynde.

2 Who layeth vp fallow, to soone or to wet,
with noyances many, doth barley beset.
For weede & the water, so seeketh & sucks:
that goodnes from either, it vterly plucks.

3 Greene rye in September, when timely thou hast,
October for wheat sowing, calleth as fast.
If weather will suffer, this counsell I geue:
leau sowing of wheat, before Hallomas eue.

4 Where wheat vpon edish, ye minde to bestowe,
let that be the first, of the wheat ye do sowe.
He seemeth to hart it, & comfort to bring:
that getueth it comfort, of Michaelmas spring.

5 Whight wheat vpon pease etch, is willig to growe
though best vpon fallow, as many do knowe.
But where, how or when, ye entend to begin:
let euer the finest, be first sown in.

6 Sowe thornes ye owners, that tymber do leue
sowe haw & rye with them, the better to proue.
If cattle or Conney, may enter to crop:
pongoke is in daunger, for loosing his top.

7 who peshods delighteth, to haue with the furst,
if now he do sowe them, I think it not wurst.
the greener thy peason, & warmer the room,
More lustye the layer, more plentie they come.

8 Go plow vp oz dshue vp, aduised with skil
the bredth of a redg, & in length as ye wil,
where spedye quick set, for a fence ye will drawe
to sowe in the sede, of the bremble and hawe.

9 Through plentie of akornes, the porckling to fat,
not taken in season, may perish by that,
if rattling & swelling, get once to the throte,
thow loestst thy porckling, a crowne to a grote.

10 What euer thing fat is, againe if it fall,
thow ventrist the thing, & the fatnes with all,
the fatter the better, to sell oz to kill.
But not to continew, make prose if ye wil.

11 What euer thing dycith, go hurye oz burne
for taming of grownd, oz a woꝛser ill turne,
such pestilent smel, of a karrenly thinge
to cattle and people, great perill may bringe.

12 Thy measeled baken hog, sow, oz thy boze,
shet vp for to heale, for infecting thy stoze,
Or kil it for baken, oz sowce it to sell
for stemming that loues it, so deintelye well.

13 Seith water, & plump there in plentie of sloes,
mix chawlk that is dyed, in powder with shoes.
which

which so, if ye gene, with the water & chalker:
thou makest the lay, fro thy how away walke.

14 With straw, whip & pease bolt, to serue & p bryake
for sparing of fewell, some brew & do bake.
and heatech their copper, for seething of graines,
good seruant rewarded, refuseth no pames.

Nonembers abstract.

Chap. 15.

Nonember take sayle,
Let ship na more sayle.

1 Let hog once fat,
lose nothing of that,

When mast is gon,
hog falleth anon.

Still fat by some,
till shron: tide tome.

Now pork & souse,
bares tack in house.

2 Lay fitches a salting,
put barley to malting.

Throug folly to beastly, 7
much bakon is ready.

Forgotten memib pass,
Do now at the last.

3 In casting provide,
for seede lay a tide.

4 Thresh barley thou shalt,
for chapman to malt.

Else thresh no more,
but for thy store.

5 Do chaffe in binne,
makes boyle loke thynne.

6 Make Martilmas biese,
dere meate is a thiese.

Set garlyke & pease,
Saint Comons to please.
When

Novembers abstract.

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| 8 | When grape takes place,
to freshing a pace. | 15 | For herbes good those,
trench garden more, |
| 9 | Mad brayne to rough,
matres all at p'dag. | 16 | At midnight trye,
foule p'pate to trye. |
| | With steele & whips,
fat bett short ships. | 17 | Kyd chimney of soote,
from top to the soote. |
| 10 | Some thre thing by task,
will steale & not ask. | 18 | In stable put now,
thy horses for plow. |
| | Suche thre ether at night,
walkes seldom home light | 19 | Good horsekeeper will,
lay much upon hill. |
| | Some corne alway lag,
in bottle & bag. | | |
| | Some steale for a iest,
eggs out of the nest. | | Get pole bove mine,
beat halwes to the swine. |
| 11 | Lay sooner by dye,
in order to lye. | | Dye hogs to the wood,
bake rootes be good. |
| | Doore both both craue,
fresh strawe to haue. | | For mischief that falltes,
loke wel to marth walles. |
| 12 | Dye weckely by flower,
though thre ether do lower. | | Dye layer get neat,
and serue them with meat. |
| | Lay grape in loft,
and turne it oft. | | Hurt cattle that hurteth,
poze we nnel soone hurteth |
| 13 | For much regard,
make clene foule yard, | | Good neighbour mine,
ryng well thy swine. |
| | Lay straw to rat,
in watry plot. | | Such winter may serue,
hog ringd, will serue. |
| 14 | Bedlong by plow,
for compas enow. | | In frost keepe dog,
from hunting of hog. |

Chap. 16.

1 A Thallontide, flawter time enterith in,
 & then doth the husband mans, feasting begin,
 from thence vnto throstide, kill now & tha some:
 their offall for howfold, the better will come.

2 Thy dzedg & thy bareley go thresh out to malt,
 let malster be cunning, else lose it thow shalt,
 then creast of a seame, is a bulshel for store,
 had else is the bareley, or huswaffe much more.

3 Some blith to winnew, some blith to fan,
 some blith to cast it, so clene as they can,
 forsed go & cast it, for malting not for
 but get out the cockle, & then let it go.

4 Thresh bareley as yet, but as nede shall require,
 fresh threshed for stouner, thy cattle desire,
 & therefore that threshing, for bare as ye maye,
 till candlemas cominge, for sparinge of haye.

5 Saue chaff of the bareley, of wheat & of rye,
 from feathers & foistenes, where it doth lye,
 which mixed with corne, being sifted of dust,
 go geiue to thy cattle, when thoue themge must.

6 For Easter, at Martimas, hang by a beise,
 for stal fed & pease fed, play pickpurse the theise,
 with that & the like, er an grasse beise come in,
 thy folk shall loke therely, when others loke thin.

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7 Set garlik & beanes, at S. Edmond the king,
the moone in the wane, theron hangeth a thing.
Thence crease of a pottle, well proued of some:
shall pleasure thy household, er pelkod time come.

8 When raine is a let, to thy doings abroad,
set thyself hers to thyself thing, & lay on good lode.
Thyself clene, ye must byd them, though lesser they
& loking to thine, haue an eye to thy barne. (parue

9 Take heede to thy man, in his furie & heate,
wth ploughstake & whipstock, for manning thy neat.
To thyself her for hurting, of kow with his flayle:
or making thy hen, to play tapple by taylor.

10 Some pilfering thyself her, will walk wth a stasse,
will cary home roine, as it is in the chaffe.
And some in his bottle of leather so great:
will carpe home dayly, both barley & wheat.

11 If houserome will serue thee, lay stouer by dyie
and euerly sort, by itselfe for to lie.
Or stack it for litter, if roome be to poete:
and thatch out the residue, noping thy doozie.

12 Cause wechely thy thyself her, to make by his flo-
thodgh brought in a pilferer, therat do lower. (wer
Take tubb for a season, take sack for a shift:
yet game for graple, is the better for thy t.

13 All maner of straw, that is scattred in yard,
good husbandly husbands, haue dayly regard.

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In pyt full of water, the same to bestowe,
where lying to rot, thereof profit may growe.

14 Now plough by thy hedlōd, or delue it wth spade,
where otherwise profit, but little is made.
And cast it by high, open hillocks to stand,
that winter may rot it, to compas thy land.

15 If Garden require it, now trench it ye may,
one trench not a yard, from another go lay.
which being well filled, with muck by a by:
go couer with mould, for a season to ly.

16 Foule priues are now, to be censed & fyd,
let night be appointed, such baggage to hide.
which buryd in garden, in trenches a lowe:
shall make very many things, better to growe.

17 The chiney alfooty, wold now be made cleene
for feare of mischances, to oftentimes seene.
Olde chimney a footpe, if slier once take,
by burning & breaking, some mischief may make.

18 When plowing is ended, & pasture not great,
then stable thy hozles, & tend them with meat.
Let season be drye, when ye take them to house:
for danger of nites, or for feare of a louse.

19 Lay compas by handsomly, round on a hill,
to walke in thy yard, at thy pleasure & will.
more compas it maketh, & handsome the plot,
if hozsekeeper dayly, forgetteth it not.

Decemters abstract.

Chap. 17.

O dirty December

For Crisemas remember.

Forgotten month past,

do now at the last.

1 No season to hedge,
get beetle and wedge.

9 In walking about
good forke spe out.

Cleave logs now all
For kitchen & hall.

10 At full & at change
springe tydes are strange.

2 Make sharp dull foolcs
or laboz like foolcs.

If dout ye fraye
Dyue cattle awaye.

3 Leawe of tittle fattle
& loke to thy cattle

11 Dank linge forgot
will quickly rot.

Serue yonge, pooze, elues
alone by them selues.

12 Here learne & trye
to turne it and dbye.

4 Warne barth to neafe
worth halfe their meate.

13 Now stocks remoue
that orchards loue.

The ellder that nurtrith
the yonger soone hurtith.

14 Set stock to growe
to thicke nor to lowe.

5 Howse holwe that is olde
while winter doth holde.

Set now as they come
both chearry & plome.

6 Out once in a daye
to dyink & to playe.

15 Winde south north east
bydds stock to ill feast.

7 Get trusty to serue
least cattle do serue.

16 At Crismas is good
to let thy horse blood.

And such as in dede
may help at a nebe.

17 Marke here what rable
of euils in stable.

8 Obserue this laue
to serue out strawe

18 Myr well (olde gaffe)
horse cozne with chaffe.

Let Iacke no3 gill
fetch co3ne at will.

Who seshith her graines
hath profit for paines.

19 Hyde strawbozles wise
to sane their life.

Set willow & fallow
rid garden of mallowe.

20 Knot, bozder & all
How soone ye shall.

Let boze lyfe render
se byawne sod tender.

21 Help bees swete conney
with lickou3 and honney.

For wise fruite buye
for Crissmas pye.

All breade & ill drinke
makes many ill thinke.

Let Crissmas speye
parde clene to lye.

Both meate & cost
ill dyessed is lost.

No labor, no sweate
go labor for heat.

Who hath where with all
may there when he shall.

Fode doves, but kill not
if stroy them ye wil not.

But charged man
must there as he call.

Fat hog, er ye kill it
or els ye do spill it.

December, Husbandry.

Chap. 15.

1 When frost will not suffer, to dyke & to hedge
then get the a heate, with thy beetle & wedge
once hallomas come, & a spher in hall,
such flyuers do wel, for to lye by thy wall,

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Get

Decembers Husbandry.

2 Get grinstone & whetstone, to sharpen thy toole,
or else go & lopter, or let like a foole.
A whelebarow also, be surer to haue:
at hand of thy seruant, thy compas to saue.

3 Geue cattle their fodder, in plot drie & warme,
and counte them for myring, or other like harme.
yong coltes with thy wennels, to gether go serue:
least lurched by others, they happen to serue.

4 The rack is commendid, for sauing of dong,
so set as the olde, cannot mischief the yong.
In tempest (the winde) being northely or east
warne hath vnder hedge, is a sucker to beast.

5 The housing of cattle, while winter doth holde,
is good for all such, as are feble & olde.
It saueth much compas, & many a sleepe:
and trymlie refresheth, the walke of thy sheepe.

9 For charges so little, much quiet is wonne,
if strongly & handsomely, all thing be donne.
but vse to vntackle them, once in a day:
to rub & to lick them, to drinke & to play.

7 Get trustie to tend them, not lubberly squire,
that all the day long, hath his nose at the fier.
For trust vnto children, poore cattle to feede:
but such as be able, to help at a neede.

8 serue rye straw out first, the wheat straw & pease
then ote straw & barley, then hay if ye please.

But

But serue them with hay, while þ straw souerlast
then loue they no straw, they had rather to fast.

9 Hokes forkes & such other, let bayly spie out,
and gather the same, as he walketh about.
and after at leysure, let this be his hier,
to beath them & trim them, at home by the fier.

10 As well at þ full of the moone, as the chaunge,
sea rages in winter, be suddenly straunge.
then looke to thy marshes, if dout be to frap:
for feare of (ne forte) haue cattle away.

11 Both saltfish & kingfish (if any ye haue,)
thzough chitting & dyping, from rotting go saue.
Least winter with moistnes, do make it relent:
and put it in hazard, er ere it be spēt.

12 Broome sagot is best, to haberden on,
lay boozde vpon ladder, if sagots be gon.
For breking (in turning) haue very good eye,
and blame not the winde, so the weather be dype.

13 Good fruit & good plentie, doth well in thy loft
then make thee an orchard, & cherish it oft.
For plant oz for stock, lay afoze hand to cast:
but set oz remoue it, er Christmas be past.

14 Set one for another, full fortie foote wide,
to stand as he stode, is a parte of his pride.
more faire, more worthy, of cost to remoue,
more steady ye set it, more likely to proue.

15 To teach & bnteach, is vnmete in a skooler, & to do & vndo, is the part of a foole. then orchard or hopyard, so trimmed with cost, shoold not through follie, be spoiled & lost.

16 Et Cristmas be passed, let horse be let blood, for many a purpos, it doeth them much good. at the daye of saint Stephan, olde fathers dyd ble if that do mislike the, some other daye chuse.

17 Loke well to thy horses, in stable thou must, that have be not soillie, nor chaffe ful of dust, nor stone in their prouender, fether nor clotts: nor fed with grene peason, for breedinge of botts.

18 Some horse keper, lassaith out prouender so, & some gillian spendall, so often doth go, for hogs meate & hennes meate, for that & for this: that corne is consumed, et chapman hath his.

19 If frost do continue we, take this for a lawe, the strawberies looke, to be couerd with straw, layde ouerly trim, bpon crotchis & bowes & after vntouerd, as weather allowes.

20 The gillesflower also, the skilful do knowe, do looke to be couerd, in frost & in snowe: the knot & the border, & rosemarge gape, do craue the like suckout, for dyeing awaye.

21 So loke to thy bees, if the hie be to light seith water & honey, with rosemarge dight, which

which set in a deluge of water, the people
from famine & danger, & made them give more

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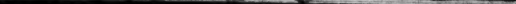
Chap. 20.

Of God in thy doings, a time there is set, God
which endeth with time shall be set on record

which endeth with time, that in doing is spent,
02 time is it selfe: but a time for a time. 30083. 11465.

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Spring. In spring time we reare, we do sowe & we plant,
 Sommer. in Sommer get buttels, least after we want.
 Haruest. In haruest, we cary in cozne & the fruite:
 Winter. in winter, to spend, as we neede of eche suite.

Childhode. The yeaere I compare, as I finde for a trueth,
 youth. the spring, vnto childhode, the Summer to youth.
 Manhode. The haruest to manhode, the winter to age,
 Age. all quickly forgot, as a play on a stage.

Time past is forgotten, ere men be aware,
 time present is thought on with wonderful care.
 Time comining is feared, & therefore we saue:
 yet oft ere it come, we be gon to the graue.

A description of life & riches

Chap. 1. of the life & riches

Who lining, but dayly discern it he may,
 how life as a shadow, doth vanish away.
 And nothing to count on, to live & last:
 as suer of death, and to turne into dust.

The landes & the riches, that here we possesse,
 be none of our owne, if a God we professe.
 But lent vs of him, as his talent of Golde,
 which being demanded, who can it withhelde.

God maketh no writing, that iustly doth say,
 how long we shall haue it, a yere or a day.
 But leane it we must (howsoeuer we leane):
 when Atrop hal pluck vs from hence by the leane.

To death we must stoupe, be we high, be we lowe,
but how, & how so deonly, fewe be that knowe:
what cary we then, but a sheete to the graue:
to couer this carcas, of all that we haue.

A description of house keeping.

Chap. 22.

What then of this taler, while here we remaine
but study to yelde it, to God with a game.
And that shall we do, if we do it nothyng
but vse and bestow it, as Christ doth vs byd.

What good to get ryches, by breaking of sheepe,
but (hauing the same) a good house for to keepe:
Not only to bring, a good fame to thy doore:
but also the praiser, to winne of the poore.

Of al other doings, house keeping is chiefe,
for dayly it helpeth, the poore with releife.
The neighbor, the stranger, & al that haue neede,
which causeth thy doings, the better to speede.

Though hearken to this, we should euer among,
yet chiefly at Christmas, of all the yere long.
Good cause of that vse, may appere by the name,
though nigerly nigards, do kick at the same.

A description of Christmas.

Chap. 23.

Of Christ cometh Christmas, the name to þ feast,
a time full of ioy, to the greatest & least.

At Christmas, when Christ our Saviour, bought
the world through his blood, altogether to glorify and

At Christmas the day, doth begin to take length,
of Christ our faith, do begin to take strength.
As Christmas is onely, a figure or trope,
so onely in Christ, is the strength of our hope.

At Christmas we banquet, the rich with the poore,
who, then (but the miser) but openeth his doore.
At Christmas of Christmas Carols we sing,
and give many gifts, in the joy of that King.

At Christmas in Christ, we reioyce and be glad,
as one of whom, our comfort is had.
At Christmas we ioy, altogether with mirth,
for his sake that dyed vs at, with his birth.

A description of apt time to spend. Chap. 24.

I Et such (so fantastical) liking not this,
nor any thing honed, that auncient is.
Geue place to the time, that so meete we do see:
appointed of God, as it seemeth to bee.

At Christmas, good husbands haue corn on y ground
in barne & in seller worth many a pound.
Things plenty in house, (beside Cattel & sheepe)
al sent them (no doubt en) good houses to keepe.

At Christmas, the hardnesse of winter doth rage,
a grieper of al things, & specially age.

Then

Then lightly poore people, the pong with the olde,
be sorest oppressed, with hunger & colde.

At Christmas, by labour is little to get,
that wanting the poore in daunger are set;
what reason then better, of al the whole yere;
thy nedy poore neighbour, to comfort & chere.

Against fantasticalh simplesse. chap. 25.

At this thing & þ thing, som make a great matter,
som help not, but hinder & poore w their clatter.
Take custome fro feasting, what commeth the last
wher one hath a dinner, a hundred shal fast.

To dog in the mawges, some lick. I coude
that hay wil eate none, nor let other that woulde,
some scarce in a yere, geue a dinner or two,
nor wel can abide, any other to do.

Play thou the good fellow, seke none to wylde me
hate ner that be honest, though merry they seme.
For often time seme, no more very a knaue,
than he that doth comen fait, most to be graue.

Christmas husbandly fare. chap. 26.

Good husband & huswyle, now chiefly be glad,
things hadsom to haue, as they ought to be had
They both do prouide, against Christmas do come
to welcom their neighbour, good there to haue som

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Christmas husbandly fare.

Good bread & good drinke, a good fyre in the hall,
brawnne pudding & soule & good mustarde withal.
Biese, mutton, & pozke, shred pyes of the best,
pig, beale, goose & rapon, & Turkey wel drest:
These, apples & nuttes, iollie Caroles to here,
as then, in the cuntrey, is counted good there.

What cost to good hus bande, is any of this?
good houlholde pzouision, onely it is.
Of other the like, I do leaue out a ineny,
that costeth the hus bandman, neuer a peny.

A Christmas Karrol of the byrth of Christ,

vppon the tune of King Salomon.

Chap. 27.

WAs not Christ ouer Saniour,
sent vnto vs, from God aboue,
not for ouer good behauiour:
but onely of his mercy & loue,
if this be true, as true it is,
truely in dede:

Great thanks to God to yeld for this,
then had we nede.

2 This did our God for a very trothe,
to trayne to him, the soule of man,
and iustly to perfozme his othe:
to Sara & to Abraham than,
that thzough his sece, all nations should
blesse be:

As in due tyme, perfozmed he would,
al flesh should see,

3 which

3 which wondrously is brought to passe,
and in our sight al ready donne,
By sending; as his promise was
(to comfort vs) his onely sonne,
euē Christ (I meane) that virgins childe
in bethlehem borne.
that lamb of God, that prophet milde,
with crowned thorne.

4 Such was his loue to saue vs all,
from danger of the curse of God,
that we stood in by Adams fall,
& by our owne deserued rod
that through his blood & holy name,
to such as beleues,
And fye from sinne, & abors the same,
free mercye he geues.

5 For theale glad newes, this feast doth bringe
to God, the Sonne and holy Ghoste;
let man geue thanks, reioyce & singe.
from world to world, from coste to coste,
For al other giftes so many wayes,
that God both send.
Let vs in Christe, geue God the praise,
while life shal end.

T. Tuffer.

At Christmas be merye, & thankfull withall,
& feast thy poore neighbours, þ great with þ small.
yea al the yeare long, to the poore let vs geue:
Gods blessing to follow vs, whiles we do leue.

Ianuarie abstract.

Chap. 28.

A kindly good Ianuarie forgotten month past,
Freeith pot by the feere. Done at the last.

1. Who Chyphmas adue,
thy stock renewe. Grene let as a flake
in banke they will take.
2. Who hilles whate,
bath cheaper his waste. Let do go to buck
furth conney good luck.
Fat, home fed solore
is good in a hofole. Spare labo2 no2 money
foze boyough with caney.
3. Who dainties lone,
a begger will proue. Get warriner bolunde
to hermyth the grownd.
Who all adage tells
in hunger dwells. Febe do not, but kill not,
if lofe them ye will not.
4. Who nothing laue
shall nothing haue. Done boyle repater
make boyle hole faier.
Lay dunt byncheaper,
some profit it reaper. Fox boy grownd tolde
dane dong wazh golde.
5. When weather is hard,
get intick out a yard. Good gardener unne
make garden faier.
A fallow bestolue,
where pease shall growe. Set garden pease
and beanes if ye please.
6. Go gether quickset
the pongist go get. Set respis & rose
younge roots of those.
To plotts not full
ad bzeuble and holl. 9 The timely buyer
bath cheaper his sper.
Dig garden froy mallots. 19 Some burnes without wit
set willow and fallow. Some fierles lit.

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| 11 | Sho to leafe it is good,
to lop & fell wood. | 20 | Cattles ready to yeane,
craues ground rid clean. |
| | Prune tree, some alowes,
for cattle to bowes. | 21 | Keepe bushes from bill,
till hedge ye will. |
| 22 | Gene shepe to their fees,
the mytle of trees. | 22 | So bushes of mine,
if fence be thine. |
| 13 | Let lop be shorne,
that hindzith cozne. | 23 | In stubbed plot,
fill hole with clot. |
| | Save edder & stake
stronge hedge to make. | | Take for thy turne,
their roots go burne. |
| 14 | For say as ye knowe,
let one bough growe. | 24 | Kid grasse of bones,
of stiches & stones. |
| | Pert yere ye maye
that bough cut awaye. | 25 | Warne barth geue lames
good fode to their names. |
| 15 | A lesson good,
to encrease moze wood. | | Loke dayly wel to them,
least dogges vndo them. |
| 16 | How euer ye scotch,
saue pole and crofch. | 26 | Wonge lamb weld solde,
fat lamb, worth golde. |
| 17 | From Christmas to May,
weake cattle decaye. | 27 | Kepe twinnnes for byrede,
as calves haue feede. |
| 18 | With bergis aquaynte,
pooze bullok so fainte. | 28 | One calfe if it please ye,
now reered shall ease ye. |
| | This medicine aproued,
is for to be loued. | | Calves likely here,
at rising of yere. |
| 19 | Let playster lye,
thye dayes to trye. | | Calfe large & leane,
is best to weane. |
| | To longe yf ye staye,
taile rots awaye. | 29 | Calfe licht take awaye,
& howse it ye maye. |

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- This poynt I talow,
for seruant & how.
- 39 Good milch cow & sound,
yeldes perel a pound.
- 30 Calues yonger then other,
learne one of another.
- 40 Who kepes, both twaine
the moze may gaine.
- 31 No danger at all,
to geld as they fall.
- 41 Thy garden troyfallois,
troy hemblock & mallow.
- 32 Sow ready to fars,
craues huswiues care.
- 42 Like practise they proue,
that hops do loue.
- 33 Leauw sow but spue,
the better to thynue.
- 43 Sow make & wandin,
troy bow to stand in.
- 34 Meane such for stowe,
as sucks befoze.
- 44 Leauw waddling about,
till arboz be out.
- 45 Who now sowes otes,
gets golde & grotes.
- 35 Lamb, bulchin & pyg,
geld under the pyg.
- 46 Who sowes in Maye,
gets little that waye.
- 36 Learne wit sir dolt,
in gelding of colt.
- 47 Goe breake bp land,
get mattock in hand.
- 37 Geld yong thy fylly,
else perith will gynny.
- 48 Stub roote so tough,
for breaking of plough.
- 49 Let gelding alone,
of large of bone.
- 50 What greater cryme,
then losse of tyme.
- 51 By brethely titts,
scaw profit hitts.
- 52 Small profit is found,
by peeling of ground.
- 53 Breede euer the best,
and do of the rest.
- 54 Land past the best,
cast bp to rest.
- 55 Of long & large,
take huswife a charge.

Get pull 19 hooke (firs,)
 for bzome & firs.

Pluck bzome, bzome still,
 Cut bzome, bzome kill.

Bzome pluct by e bye,
 bzeake up for rye.

Frende ringle thy hog,
 or loke for a dog.

For set, no barr,
 while month hath an r.

So marke thow shalt,
 for making of malt.

In casting prouide,
 for seede lay a side.

Get dong frende mine,
 for stock & vine.

If earth be not soft,
 So digg it a loft.

For quannier get booter,
 stub alders & rooter.

Hop poles war skant,
 for poles mo plant.

Set chest nut & wallnut,
 set filberd & smallnut.

peach plumtree & chery,
 pong baye & his bearye.

Or set there stone,
 vnset leaue out none.

Sow: kirkels to beare,
 of apple & pearre.

All trees that beare come,
 let now as they come.

And set or remoue,
 what fruite ye loue.

Of trees & fruite.

- 1 Apple trees, of al sortz.
- 2 Apricockes.
- 3 Barberries.
- 4 Woolleste black & whight.
- 5 Cherries, red & black.
- 6 Chestnuts.
- 7 Coznet plums.
- 8 Damiscus, whight & black.
- 9 Filberds, red & white.
- 10 Goose berries.
- 11 Grapes whight & red.
- 12 Grene or gras plums.
- 13 Hurtilberries.
- 14 Meddlers or marles.
- 15 Mulbery.
- 16 Peaches, whight & red.
- 17 Peares of al sortz.
- 18 Peareplös, black & yelow.
- 19 quince trees.
- 20 Kespis.
- 21 Keisens.
- 22 Small nuts.
- 23 Strawberies red & white.
- 24 Service trees.
- 25 Wall nuts.
- 26 Wardens white & red.
- 27 Wheat plums.

Now set ye may,
 the bor & baye.
 haythorne & prim,
 For clothes trim.

When Christmas is ended, bid feasting adue,
go play the good husbād, thy stock to renewe.
be mindeful of rearinge, in hope of a game:
Dane profit shall geue the, reward for thy paine.

2 Who, both by his calfe, & his lāb wil be knowne
may wel kil a neate, & a shepe of his owne.
& he that will reare vp, a pig in his howse:
hath cheaper his bakon, & sweeter his fowle.

3 who eatith his beale, pig & lamb being froth,
shall twyse in a weke, go to bed without broth.
vnksillfull, that pas not, but sell awaye sell:
shall neauer haue plenty, where euer they dwell.

4 Be gredye in spending, & careles to saue,
& shortly be nedy, & ready to craue.
be wilfull to kill, & vnksillfull to stoze,
& neauer loke long, to kepe howse any moze.

5 Laye dyrt vpon heapes, fayer yerde to be seene,
yf frost wil abyde it, to filde with it cleene.
in winter a fallowe, some loue to bestowe,
where pease for the pot, they entend for to sowe.

6 In making or mending, as nedith thy ditch,
get set to quick set it, learne cunningly whitch.
in hedging (where claye is) get stake as ye knowe
of popeler & willowe, for sewell to growe.

Leaue

7 Leau ... Cunnep, let doe go to buck,
and best, me thy butrow, for feare of ill luck.
Fede Done (no more killig) old done house repaire
saue done doing; for upward, whe house ye make

8 Dig garden, stop mazon, now may ye arease,
and sei (as a deinite) thy cancellall use.
Go cut & set roles, chuse aptly the plot:
the rootes of the yongest, are best to be got.

9 In time go & bargain, lest worser do fall,
for fewell, for making, for earings & all.
to buy at the stub, is the best for the buyer:
more timely prouision, cheaper the fyer.

10 Some burneth a lode, at a time in his hall,
some neuer leue burning, till burnt they haue all.
Some making of hauock, without any wit:
make many poore soules, without fier to sit.

11 If frost do continue, this lesson doth well,
for comfort of rattle, the fewell to sell
from euery tree, the superfluous bowes:
now prune for thy neate, thereupon to go bowes.

12 In pruning & trimming, all manner of trees,
reserue to each cattle, their property fees.
If snowe do continue, shepe hardly that fare:
craue milke & fure, for them for to spare.

13 Now lop for thy fewell, olde pollenger growen
that hinders the corne, or the greasse to be mowen.

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In lopping & felling, saue edder & thiue hedgis as nedith, to mend & to make.

14 In loppinge olde Tychaw, for feare of mishap, one bough stape vnlopped, to cherish the sap. the second yere after, then holdly ye maye: For dripping fellows, that bough cut awaye.

15 Lop poppler & salow, elme, maple & pyre, wel saued from cattle, till sommer to lye. so far as in lopping, ther tops ye do singe: so far without plantinge, yonge coppe wil springe.

16 If hopyard or orchard, ye minde for to haue, for hoppoles & crotchis, in lopping go saue. which hus bandly spared, maye serue at a push: & stop, by so hauinge, two gapps with a bush.

17 From Christmas till May, be wel entered in, some cattle wex fainte, & loke poozely & thin, and cheisly, when prime grasse at first doth apere: then moest is the daunger, of al the whole yere.

18 Take bergis & heat it, (a pinte for a kow) bay salt full a hand, to rub tong ye wote how. That done, with the salt, let her drinke of the rest: this many tynes rapseth, the feeble vp best.

19 Dooze bullock with browssing, & naughtely fed, skarse feedith, her teeth be so lose in her hed. then slyse ye the taile, where ye sele it so soft: with foote & with garelyck, bound to it a loft.

20 By byer' bles & bulhes, in pasture to full,
pooze sheepe be in danger, & loseth their will.

Now therefore thine earwe, vpon lāming so neere:
Desireth in pasture, that all may be cleere.

21 Leane grubbing or pullig, of bulhes (my sonne)
till timely thy fences, require to be donne.

then take of the best, for to furnish thy turne,
& home with the rest, for the fyer to burne.

22 In euery greene, if the fence be not thine,
now stub vp the bulhes, the grasse to be fine.

Least neighbour do daylie, so hack them belue:
that neither thy bulhes, nor pasture can thriue.

23 In ridding of pasture, with turues so bye,
fill euery hole vp, as close as a dye.

The labor is litle, the profit is gape:
what euer, the loytering laborers sape.

24 The sticks & the stones, go & gather by cleene,
for hurting of lieth, or for harming of greene.

For feare of Hew prouler, get home with the rest,
when frost is at hardist, then carrige is best.

25 yōg brome or good pasture, thy ewes do requite
warine barth & in safetie, their lambs do desire.

looke often well to them, for foxes & dogs:
for pitts & for brembles, for bet. lin & hogs.

26 More deintie p lāb, the more worth to be solde,
the sooner the better, for earwe that is olde.

But

But if ye do minde, to haue milke of th^e dame:
till May do not seauer, the lamb fro the same.

27 Calves perely by twining, rich masters do make
the lamb of such twynners, for breeders go take.
For twynlings be twiggers, encrease for to bring:
though some for their twigging, perantē may ling

28 Calves likely, y^e come betwene Christmas & lēt,
take huswife to rere, or else after repent.
Of such as do fall, betwene change & the prime:
no rering, but sell, or go kill them in time.

29 House calfe, & go sockle it twice in a daye,
and after a while, set it water & haye.
Stake ragged to rub on, no such as will bend:
then weane it well tended, at fiftie daies end.

30 The senior weaned, his yonger shall teache,
both how to drinke water, & hay for to reache.
Hore strocken & made of whē ought it do asle
more gentle ye make it, for poke or the paille.

31 Geld bull calfe, & ram lamb, as sone as they fall,
for therein is lightly, no daunger at all.
Some spareth the ton, for to pleasure the eye:
to haue him shew greater, when butcher shal buye.

32 Soowes ready to farrow, this time of y^e pere,
are for to be made of, & counted full dere.
For now is the losse of a fare of the soow:
more great thē the losse, of two calves of thy kooow

33 Of on, sow together, ere fewe aboue siue,
and those of the fairest, & likest to thiue.
Angelt of the best, kepe a coople for stoz:
one boze pig & sow pyg, that sucketh befoze.

34 Who hath a desire, to haue stoz very large,
at whyfontide, let him geue huswife a charge.
To ere of a sow at once, onely but thre:
and one of them also, a boare let it bee.

35 Geld vnder the damme, win fortnight at least,
and saue both thy mony, & life of the beast.
Geld later with gelders, as many one do:
aud looke of a dozen, to geld away two.

36 Thy coltes for the saddle, geld yong to be light,
for cart do not so, if thou iudget aright.
For geld not, but when they be lusty and fat:
for there is a point, to be learned in that.

37 Geld fillies (but titts) er an ix. daies of age,
they die else of gelding, or gelders do rage.
yong fillies so likelie, of bulk & of bone:
kepe such to be breeders, let gelding alone.

38 For gayning a trifle, sell neuer thy stoz,
what ioye to acquaintance, what pleasureth moze.
the larger of body, the better for breede:
moze forward of growing, the better they speede.

39 Good milchcow well fed, that is fairer & sound,
is verely for profit, as good as a pound.

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and yet by the yere, haue I proued er now:
as good to the purse, is a sow as a kow.

40 Keepe one & kepe both, with as litle a cost,
then all shall be saued, & nothing be lost.
Both hauing to gether, what profit is caught:
good huswines (I warrāt ye) nede not be taught.

41 Thy garden plot lately, wel trenched & muckt:
would now be twyfalowd, & mallows out pluckt
well censed & purged, of roote & of stone:
that saut therein afterward, found may be none.

42 Remember thy hop yard, if season be dzye,
now dig it & weede it, & so let it lye.
Hoze fenny the layer, the better his lust:
most apt to beare hops, whē it crumbles like dust.

43 To arboz begunne, & quick setted about,
no poeling noz waddling, till set be far out.
Foz Rotten & aged, may stand foz a sheaw:
but holde to their tackling, they cannot but feaw.

44 In Ianuere, husband that poucheth & grotes
will breake by his laye, oz be sowing of otes.
Otes sown in Ianuere, laye by thy wheate:
in Maye, by thy haye, foz thy cattle to eate.

45 Let seruant be ready, with mattock in hand,
to stubb out the bushes, that noyeth the land.
And cumberfome rootes, so annoying the plough
turne vpward their arses, with sorow enough.

46 Who breaketh by timely, his fallow or laye,
sets forward his husbandry, many awaye.
this tilth in a ticulture, well forward doth bring:
not onely thy tillage, but all other thing.

47 Some breaking by laye, soweth otes to begin,
to suck out the moisture, so sower therein.
yet otes with her sucking, a peeler is found:
and ill to the master, & worse to some ground.

48 Land arable dreuen, or worne to the prooffe,
and craueth some rest, for thy profits behoofe.
with otes ye may sowe it, the sooner to grasse:
and so to good profit, to bring it to passe.

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Chap. 30.

*Febb. fill the dyke,
with what ye lyke.*

*Forgotten month pass,
do now at the last.*

1 To colleman ryde,
lent stiffe to prouyde.

Kepe twight vnstowe,
til moze be knowne.

2 Solue now ye maye,
beanes, peason graye.

3 Where clouds great fall,
there harrow ye shall.

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| Stick bootwee arowe,
wher rounciualls growe. | Booze Cunnep so bagged
is soone ouer lagged. |
| 5 Solwe kirkels & haue.
where ridge ye did draue. | Plash bozow set clapper,
for dog is a snapper. |
| 6 Solwe hemp to kil weede,
solwe mustard seeede. | Good syght who loues,
must seee their dones. |
| Where letts do growe,
see nothing ye solwe. | Byd hauking adewe,
cast hawke into mew. |
| 7 Cut bynes & osier,
plash hedge of encloser. | Kepe sheepe out of bziers,
kepe beast out of miers. |
| Feede highly thy swan,
to loue her good man. | Kepe lambs from for,
else sheapard go bor. |
| Best high I aduise,
least flood do arise. | Good neighbour mine,
now poke thy swine. |
| 8 Land medowe spare,
there dong is good wart. | Pow euery daye,
set hops ye maye. |
| 9 Booze cattle craue,
some thist to haue. | Pow set for the pot,
best herbs to be got. |
| 10 How little geueth,
that hardly leueth. | For flowers go set,
all sorts ye can get. |
| Go strike at the noewles,
of deluing moewles. | As winter doth proue,
so maye ye remoue. |
| Such hillocks in bayne,
laye leueled playne. | For all the yere,
now all thing re. |
| Watch ponds go looke,
to weeles & hooke. | |
| Trench meadow & redge,
dike, quickset & hedge. | Knauess neuer repent,
to steale in lent. |
| To plots not full,
ad bzemble & hull. | All fish they get,
that commeth to net. |

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Now timely for lent stuff, thy money disburse,
the longer ye tarre, for profit the worse.
if one penye vantage, be there in to saue:
of costeman or Flemming, be sure it to haue.

Go plow in the stubble, take timely this season,
be soweing of fitchis, of beanes & of peason.
Now, sooner ye sowethem, the sooner they room:
& better for howfold, they fill vp a room.

3 Go harrow the peason, ye buried so depe,
least clad do compel them, for euer to slepe,
or thyself so meaney (that cumberfom wede.)
where clay hath the masteie, come vp in their stede

4 Styck plentie of bootys, among runcifall pease,
to climber there on, & to bzanch at their ease.
so doing moze tender, & greater they wer,
if peacocke & turkie, leaue iobbing their becks.

5 Now sow & go harrow (wher redge ye did draw)
the sede of the bzemble, with kurnel & hawe,
which couered ouerlye, soone to shut out:
go se it be dighed, & fensed about.

6 Where banks be amended, & newly bp cast,
sowe mustard seede, after a shower be past.
where plots ful a netles, be noysom to eye:
sowe therbpou hempoede, & nettles will dye.

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7 The vines & the osiers, cut & go set,
if grape be vnpleasant, a better go get.
Fede swan, & go make her vp, strongly a nest:
for feare of a floode, good & high is the best.

8 Land meadow, that yearely is spared for hay,
now fence it & spare it, & dong it ye may.
get mouleketcher, conningly mowle for to kill:
& harow & cast abrode, euery hill.

9 Friend, alwaye let this, be a part of thy care,
for shift of good pasture, laye pasture to spare.
so haue ye good feeding, in buskets & lease:
& quickly safe finedinge, of cattle at ease.

10 where cattle maye run about, roeing at will,
from pasture to pasture, poze bellye to fill.
there pasture & cattle, bothe hungry & bare:
for want of good husbandrye, woꝛser do fare,

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Marche duff to be folde,
Worth ransomes of golde.

Forgotten month past,
Do now at the last,

1 Whight peason sowe,
Share hungry crowe.

3 Of hedge & willow,
hop makes her pillow.

2 spare meadow for hay,
spare marshes at day.

Good bearing hop,
climes up to the top.

3 What champion blith,
woodland refuseth.

Kepe hop from sonne,
& hop is vndonne.

Kepe shepe from dog,
kepe lamb from hog.

9 Hop tooles procure,
that may endure.

If foxes mowle them,
then, nightly howle them.

Iron crowe, lyke a stake,
depe hole to make.

4 Parch dype or wet,
hop grownde go set.

A scraper to pare,
the earth about bare.

ponge rootes well drest,
proue euer the best.

A bone to raise roote,
lyke sole of a boote.

Hop gut or string,
is a naughty thing.

Sharpe knife to cut,
superfluous gut.

5 Here learne the waye,
hop rootes to laye

10 Who grafting lones,
now grafting proues.

6 Rootes best to proue,
thus set I loue.

Of euery suite,
make drintie fruite.

7 Leau space & come,
to hyllock to come.

Graft good fruit all,
or graft not all.

Marches abstract.

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| <p>Sowe euen the land,
with plentiful hand.</p> <p>Sowe ouer & vnder,
in clay is no wonder.</p> <p>13 Straight follow y plough,
& harrow enough.</p> <p>With sling oz bowe,
go share awape crowe.</p> <p>14 Kowle after a deawe,
when bareley doth theawe</p> <p>More handsom to make it,
to mowe & to rake it.</p> <p>15 Learne here ye maye,
best harrowing waye.</p> <p>16 Make ready a plot,
for seedes for the pot.</p> <p>17 Best searching mindes,
the best waye findes.</p> <p>18 For garden best,
is South south west.</p> <p>19 Good tilth brings seedes,
ill tulture weedes.</p> <p>20 For sommer sowe nowe,
for winter see howe.</p> <p>21 To set oz sowe,
learne time to knowe.</p> <p>22 yonge plants sone dye,
that growe to dye.</p> | <p>23 In countrey both rest,
what season is best.</p> <p>24 Good pooze mans fare,
is pooze mans care.</p> <p>And not to boiste,
of sod & roste.</p> <p>25 Cause rooke & rauen,
to seke a newe hauen.</p> <p>¶ Eld lambs now all,
freight as they fall.</p> <p>Looke swife a daye,
least lambs decaye.</p> <p>Hepe cozne from crowe,
with arrow & bowe.</p> <p>Where horse did harrow
put stones in barrow.</p> <p>Do laye them bye,
in heapes on hye.</p> <p>Let oren fat,
lose nothing of that.</p> <p>Now hunt with dog,
vnyoked hog.</p> <p>Wish vours good luck,
hen, goose, & duck.</p> <p>To spare a right,
spare March his flight.</p> |
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Have chickens pooze buttocks, Here learne to knowe,
from pye, crowe & buttocks. what seedes to sow.

Some loue now best, And suche to plant,
pong rabbits nest. whose seedes do want.

Polu knaves will seale, pyg, lamb & beale.

¶ Seedes & herbes for the kitchen.

- 1 Apens.
- 2 Bleetes oz beetes, white oz yellow.
- 3 Blood wort.
- 4 Buglas
- 5 Burnet.
- 6 Burrage.
- 7 Cabage remoue in June.
- 8 Clarpe.
- 9 Coleworts
- 10 Cresses
- 11 Dytthane oz garden ginger.
- 12 Endiue
- 13 Fenell
- 14 French Malowes.
- 15 French Saffron. Set in August.
- 16 Hartstong. no seeds.
- 17 Lang debiese.
- 18 Leekes. remoue in June
- 19 Lettis remoue in May
- 20 Long wort
- 21 Lyuer wort
- 22 Marygoldes often cut.
- 23 Mercury
- 24 Wyntes at all times.
- 25 Pep
- 26 Wyneans from December to Marche.

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- 27 Orach or arach, red & whight.
- 28 Patience.
- 29 Percepe.
- 30 Penereall.
- 31 Primetose.
- 32 Rozet.
- 33 Rosemarie, in the Springtime.
- 34 Sage, red & whight.
- 35 Saffron. set in August.
- 36 Sommer sauery.
- 37 Sozrell.
- 38 Spinnage.
- 39 Suckeye.
- 40 Steethes.
- 41 Tanze.
- 42 Time.
- 43 Violetttes, of al sortes
- 44 Winter sauery.

¶ Herbs & rootes for sallets & sawce.

- 1 A'eranders, at al times.
- 2 Artichocks.
- 3 Blessed thystle, or Carduus Benedictus.
- 4 Cucumbers, in Aprill & Maye.
- 5 Cressis, sowe with lettice in the Springe.
- 6 Endiue
- 7 Mustarde seede, sowe in y Spring & at Michelmass.
- 8 Musc myllions, in Aprill & May.
- 9 Mintes.
- 10 Purflane,
- 11 Radish.
- 12 Rampions.
- 13 Rockat. in Aprill.
- 14 Sage.
- 15 Sozrell.
- 16 Spinage, for y Sommer
- 17 Sea helve.

Sperage

- 18 Sperage, let growe two yeares & then remoue,
 19 Skirrets, let their plants in sparche,
 20 Sucherpe,
 21 Tarragon. April.
 22 Violets,

¶ Theale buy with the penny,
 or loke not for any.

- 1 Capers.
 2 Lemmans.
 3 Olives.
 4 Orrengis.
 5 Rife.
 6 Sampire.

¶ Herbes & rootes to boyle or to butter,

- 1 Beanes, let in winter.
 2 Cabbegis, solve in sparche, & after remoue,
 3 Carrets.
 4 Cytrons, solve in May.
 5 Coorbes, in May.
 6 Pauews, solve in June.
 7 Pompiones, in May.
 8 Warceneps in winter.
 9 Ronciffall pease. let in winter.
 10 Kapes, solve in June.
 11 Turnepes, in sparche & April.

¶ Strowing herbes of al sorts,

- 1 Basell, fine & buye, solve in May.
 2 Batolme, let in sparche,
 3 Camamel.
 4 Costemarye.
 5 Cowflepe, & paggies.

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- 6 Bayles, of al sortes,
- 7 Swete fennell.
- 8 Germander,
- 9 Hop, set in Februarie.
- 10 Lauender.
- 11 Lauender spikes.
- 12 Lauender cotton.
- 13 Margerom knotted, solve o2 set at the Spring.
- 14 Malwelin.
- 15 Penny ryall.
- 16 Roses, of al sortes in Jan. & Sept.
- 17 Red myntes.
- 18 Sage.
- 19 Tanzey.
- 20 Violettts.
- 21 Winter sauery.

¶ Herbes, branchis & flowers for
windowes & potts.

- 1 Bayes, solve o2 set in plants in Januarie.
- 2 Batchelers buttens.
- 3 Botles, blewe, red & tauney,
- 4 Collembines.
- 5 Campions.
- 6 Daffadonbillies.
- 7 Eglantine, o2 swete byer.
- 8 Fetherfelwe.
- 9 Flower armour, solve in Maye.
- 10 Flower deluce,
- 11 Flower gentil, whight & red.
- 12 Flower nyce.
- 13 Gelyflowers, red, whight & carnations, set in Spring,
& Veruett in potts, payles o2 tubs, o2 for sommer in
bedds.
- 14 Holiokes, red, whight & carnations.
- 15 Indian eye, solve in Maye, o2 set in slips in March.
- 16 Lauender, of al sortes.

- 17 Larkes foot.
- 18 Laus tibi.
- 19 Lillium cum balium.
- 20 Lilies, red & whight, towe o: set in marche, & September
- 21 Marigoldes double.
- 22 Pigella romana.
- 23 Pauncies, o: hartseale.
- 24 Pagells, grene & yellowe.
- 25 Pinks, of al sozts.
- 26 Quenegeliflowers.
- 27 Rose mary.
- 28 Roses of al sozts.
- 29 Snap dragons.
- 30 Sopps in wine.
- 31 Swete williams.
- 32 Swete Rhons.
- 33 Star of Bethelen.
- 34 Star of Jerusalem.
- 35 Stock geliflowers of al sozts.
- 36 Tuff gelyflowes.
- 37 Tselbet floures, o: frēch marigold
- 38 Violets pelow & whight.
- 39 Wall geliflowers of al sozts.

Herbs to still in sommer.

- 1 Blessed thistle.
- 2 Betonpe.
- 3 Will.
- 4 Endive.
- 5 Eye bright.
- 6 Fennel.
- 7 Fumetozie.
- 8 Flop.
- 9 Spints.
- 10 Plantine.
- 11 Roses, red & damask.
- 12 Kespies.

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14 Strawberies.

15 Sorrell.

16 Suckerie

17 Woodrose, for fine water & cakes

¶ Necessary herbes to growe in the garden

for Physick & bathes not reherst before.

- 1 **A**ny
- 2 Archangell
- 3 Betany
- 4 Charnyle
- 5 Cinqfile
- 6 Cummin.
- 7 Dragonnes.
- 8 Detanye
- 9 Gromell seede
- 10 Hozehounde
- 11 Louage
- 12 Lycozas
- 13 Pandrake
- 14 Poogwortz
- 15 Pyonees
- 16 Poppye
- 17 Riewe.
- 18 Rubarb
- 19 Smalache
- 20 Sarefrage. for the stone.
- 21 Sauin for the botts.
- 22 Stitchwort
- 23 Valerian
- Woodbine

for the stone

for the stone

solwe in marche.

Thus endes in brieft,
of herbes the chiefe.

To get more skyll,
reade to whom ye will.

Chap. 33.

Verhight peason both good, for the pot & the purse
by sowing to timely, proue often the worse,
because they be tender, & hateth the colde:
proue Marche er ye sowe them, for being to bolde.

2 Spare medowe at Gregoz, marshes at Wask,
for feare of drie sommer, no longer time ask.
Then hedge them & ditch them, bestow therō pēce,
for meadow & pasture, craue ever good fence.

3 Of Mastines & mangrills, that many we see,
a number of thousand, to many there bee.
watch therefore in lent, to thy shepe go & loke:
for dogs will haue bitels, by hooke or by croke.

¶ The maner of setting of hops.

4 In Marche at the furdest, drie season or wet,
hop rootes so well choesen, let skilfull go set.
The goeler & ponger, the better I loue:
well gutted & pared, the better they proue.

5 Some layeth the croswise, along in the ground,
as high as thy knee, they do couer vp round.
Some prick vp a stick, in the midds of the same:
that litle round hillock, the better to frame.

Some maketh a hollownes, halfe a foote deepe,
with fower sets in it, set slant wise a steepe.
one foote from another, in order to lye:
and thereon a hillock, as round as a pye.

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7 Five foote from another, ech hillock wold stand,
as straight, as a leaued line with the hand.
Let euery hillock, be fower foote wide:
the better to come to, on euery syde.

8 By willowes þ groweth, thy hop yard is out,
and also by hedges, thy meadowes about.
Good hop hath a pleasure, to clyme & to spred:
if sonne may haue passage, to comfort her hed.

9 Get crowe made of Iron, depe hole for to make,
Hoptools. With crosse ouerthwart it, as sharp as a stake.
A hene & a parer, like sole of a boote:
to pare away grasse, & to rayse vp the roote.

10 In March is good grassing, þ skilful do know;
so long as the winde, in the east do not blowe.
From moone being changed, till past be the prime:
for grassing & cropping, is very good time.

11 Things grafted or planted, the greatest & least,
defend against tempest, the bird & the beast.
Defended shal prosper, the tother is lost:
the thing with the labor, the time & the cost.

12 Sow bareley in Marche, & in Aprill & Maye,
the later in sand, & the sooner in claye.
What worser for barley, then wetnes & colder:
what better with skilful, then time to be bolde.

13 Let barley be harrowed, finely as dust,
and workmanly trench it, & fence it ye must.

This

This season wel plyed, set sowing an end,
& praise & praye God, a good haruist to send.

14 Som roewlich their barley, straight after a rain:
when first it aperith, to leauel it plaine,
the bareley so bled, the better doth growe:
& handsome ye make it, at haruist to mowe.

15 Oles, bareley & pease, harow after ye sowe,
for rye harow first, as already ye knowe.
leave wheat lye clod, for to couer the hed:
that after a frost, it may out & go spred.

16 In March, May & Aprill, fro morning to night
in sowing & setting, good huswines delight.
to haue in a garden, or other like plot:
to trim up their howse, & to furnishe their pot.

17 The nature of flowers, Dame physick doth teach
she teachith them, all to be knowne to a feawe.
to set or to sowe, or els sowne, to remoure:
how that shold be practised, learne if ye loue.

18 Land falling or lyeng, fur South or south west,
for profit by tillage, is lightly the best.
so garden, & orchard, & hopyard I finde:
that want the like benefite, growe out a kinde.

19 If fild to bearne corne, a good tillage both craue
what think ye of garden, what garden wold haue.
in fild without cost, be assured of weedes:
in garden be suer, thow loest thy seedes.

Marches husbandry.

- 20 At spring (for þe sommer) sowe garden ye shall,
at haruest (for winter,) or sowe not at all,
oft digging, remouing, or weding (I se)
makes herbe the more holesome, & greater to be.
- 21 Time fayer, to sowe or to gather be bolde,
but set or remoue, when the weather is colde,
cut al thing or gather, the moene in the wane:
but sowc in encreasing, or geue it his bane.
- 22 Newe set do ask watring, with pot or with dish
newe sowne do not so, if ye do as I wish.
throug cunning w dybble, rake, mattock & spade:
by line & be leuel, trun garden is made.
- 23 Who soweith to late ward, hath seld good seede
who soweith to soone, litle better shall speede,
apt time & the season, so diuerse to hit:
this booke may enstruct him, that hath any wit.
- 24 Good peason, & leekes, to make porredg in lent
& pelscads in July, saue fish to be spent.
those hauing with other things, plentiful than:
thow winnest the hart, of the laboring man.
- 25 Kill crowe, pye & cadow, rooke buzard & rauen,
or else go desce them, to seke a newe hauen.
in skaling the yongist, to pluck of his becke:
beware how ye climber, for breaking your neck.

Chap. 34.

Sweete Aprill showers
do spring May flowers.

Forgotten month pass,
do now at ibe last.

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| 1 | Sett hop his pole,
make deepe the hole. | 9 | Some bringeth in gaires,
some losse beside paines. |
| 2 | Firste bark go sell,
er tymber ye sell. | 10 | Kunne Cys, fault knotone
with moze the thine owne |
| 3 | Fence coppe in,
er heauers begin. | 11 | Such mystris such nan,
such master such man. |
| 4 | The best ye knowe,
for saddles let growe. | 12 | By such ill gestes,
pooze Cys, ill restes. |
| 5 | Crab tree preerne,
for plow to serue. | | Such fautes as theafe,
good dame will ease. |
| 6 | Get tymber out,
er yere go about. | | Theafe fautes all ten,
abozreth all men. |
| 7 | Han, colw prouides,
wise daype guides. | | A warning for Cysse,
for doing anyse. |
| 8 | Slut Cistey bntaught,
hath whistemeat naught. | | |

Aprills Husbandrie. chap. 35.

Get in to thy hopyard, with plenty of poeles,
among those same hillocks, deuide the by doeles
three poeles to a hillock (I pas not how long)
shall yelde thee moze profit, set deeply & strong.

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¶ Sell

Aprills husbandry.

- 2 Sell bark to the Tanner, or timber ye sell,
cut lowe by the ground, or else do ye not well.
In breaking, saue crooked, for mill & for shippes:
and euer in heauing, saue carpenter's chipps.
- 3 First see it well fensed, or heauers begin,
then se it well staddled, without & within.
thus being preserved, & husbandly donne:
shall sooner raise profit, to thee or thy sonne.
- 4 Leauē growing for staddles, the likett & best,
though seller & buyer, dispatcheth the rest.
In busket, in hedgerowe, in groue & in wood:
this lesson obserued, is needefull & good.
- 5 Saue elme, ashe & crabtre, for cart & for plough,
saue step for a stile, of the crotch of the bough.
Saue hazell for forkes, saue fallow for rake:
saue huluer & thorne, there of staylor for to make.
- 6 Make riddance of carryge, or yere go about,
for spoyling of plant, that is newly come out.
To carter (with oxen) this message I bring:
leauē oxen abrode, for annoyning the spring.
- 7 From Aprill beginning, til Andrew be past,
so long with good huswife, her dayry doth last.
Good beast & good pasture, good husbāds prouide
þ residue, good huswines, know best how to guide
- 8 All huswife vnskilful, to make her owne cheese,
through trusting of others, haue this for her fee.
Her

Her milk pail & creamer pot, so flabberd & lost:
that butter is wanting, & cheese is halfe lost.

9 Where some of a kow, do raple perely a pound,
with such sely huswories, no pepp is found.
Then dayry maide (Cisse) her fault being knowne:
awaye apace trudgeh, with moze then her owne.

10 Then neighbour for gods sake, if any you see,
good seruant for dayry houle, wayne her to mee.
Such master such man, & such mistres such mayde:
such husband & huswife, such house is araye.

A lesson for dayrie mayde Cysleg of ten

Toppins gists.

A s wife that will,
good husband please,
must shonne with skill
such gists as thease:

So Cisse that serues
must mark this note,
what faute deserues
a brusht rote.

Gehep Lots huswife, & Argulles eyes,
Tom Wyper, pooze Cobler & Lazarus thyes,
Rough Esaw & Patwolin, w gentles that skral,
with Wythor that turneth, & burneth by all.

Thease toppingly gists, be in number but ten,
as welcome in dayry, as beares among men,
which being descryed, take hede of you shall,
for danger of after claps, after that fall.

Gehep,

Aprills Husbandrie.

- Wright & Dye.** 3 **Gehee**, his sickness was whichtish & dyle,
such cheeses good Cillee, ye floted to nie.
- To salt.** 4 **Leane Lot** with her piller, (good Cillee) alene,
much saltnes in whitemeat, is ill for the stone.
- Ful of eies** 5 **If cheeses** in darye, haue Argulles eies,
tell Cillee the fault, in her huswiferie lies.
- Houen** 6 **Tom Dwyper**, hath houen & puffed vp cheeke,
if cheese be so houen, make Cis to seke creeke.
- Tough** 7 **Dooze Cobl** he toggeth his leatherly trash,
if cheese abide togging, at Cillee a crash.
- full of spots** 8 **If Lazer** so lothsome, in cheese he espied,
let bayes amend Cillee, or let her steyde.
- ful of beares** 9 **Rough Claw** was hearie, from top to the foot,
if cheese so appeareth, call Cillee a flout.
- ful of whay** 10 **As Hawdelin** wept, so would Cillee be drest,
for whay in her cheeses, not halfe enough prest.
- ful of getills** 11 **If gentills** be skrauling, call magget the ppe,
if cheeses haue gentills, at Cis by & by.
- Burnt to the panne** 12 **Blesse Cillee** (good mistris) þe bishop doth banne
for burning the milk of her cheese to the panne.

Amend

Amende so oft beaten,

for doing amisse,

I will no more threaten?

I promis thee Cyffe.

**Cus dayrie mayde Cilley, reherfed ye see,
what fautes with il huswife, in dairie house bee.
Of market abhoyred, to houtholde a grieke:
to master & mistres, as ill as a thiefe.**

Mays abstract.

Chap. 36.

Colde Mays & a winedye,

Barne filleth vp finelye.

Forgotten month past,

Do now at the last.

1 But lamb from eatow,
to milke a feawe.

2 Be not to holde,
to milke & folde.

3 Fine eynes aloft,
to every hohn.

4 Sheepe wizingling tayle,
hath maddo without faile.

5 Beate in the reede,
as houn hath neede.

6 Leane cropping from may
till the helms day.

Let Juye be killed,
or tree will be spilled.

7 Sow threschers warne,
to the barne.

8 Be suer of haye,
till the end of Maye.

9 Let sheepe fill flank,
where cozne is to rank.

Myses abstract.

- 8 In woodland neuer, in champion neuer.
 10 To weeding awaye, as sone as ye maye.
 11 For cozne here reede, what naughtie weede.
 12 Who minding slacketh, good husbandrie lacketh.
 13 Solwe buck oz brank, that smels so rank.
 14 Solwe hemp & flax, that linnen lacks.
 15 Teache hop to clime, for now it is time.
 16 Throug fowles & wedes, poore hop ill speedes.
 Cut of, oz crop, Superfluous hop.
 17 The tetter oz fyne, now rake out fyne.
 18 Sette fetts do crane, some weeding to haue.
 19 Now draynes as ye like, both fenne & dike.
 20 Watch becke to pay, for swarming awaye.
 Both now & in June, mark matter bees tune.
 21 Thy fallow thy land, least plough els stand.
 22 No longer tarpe, out compass to carpe.
 23 Where nebe doth pray it, there se ye lape it.
 24 Set back & thow, to gather by stone.
 25 Do graffe with talnes, take nothing to halues.
 26 Be suer thy neate, haue water & meate.
 27 By taineting of grounde, destruction is founde.
 28 How carridg get, home sue well to fet.
 Tell sagot & billet, for filching gillet.
 29 In louner for licing, let citie be buying.
 30 Park collicra packing, least coeles be lacking.
 He opened sack, for two in a pack.
 31 Let nodding patch, go sleepe a snatch.
 32 While if ye will, now plie your will.

3 Fine Magell's (as) from the best till the worst, S. Wellens
in a pot to growe, till the best is gone, daye.

4 Fine lewys to be made, from the best till the worst,
(belowe ye lawe house) till the best is gone.

5 Fine lewys to be made, from the best till the worst,
in a pot to growe, till the best is gone.

6 Fine lewys to be made, from the best till the worst,
in a pot to growe, till the best is gone.

At Philip & Jacob, away with the lambs, w
that thinkest to haue any milk of their dāmes,
At Lammes leave nothing to come of a thing,
least requiem eternam in winter they ling.

2 Combs & to folde them, is much to requite,
except ye haue pasture, to fill their desire,
yet many by minding (such herde they do take)
not heeding their bodies, much profit to make.

3 Fine Cawes to a how, make a proofe by a theod,
shall double thy dairie, else trust me no more,
yet make a good huswaffe, that and with the fall,
haue myt of vniuer, at her pleasure I will.

4 If sheepe or the lamb, fall a wrigling with talle,
go by & by seache it, whyles help may preuaile,
That barber ye handled, I dare thee assure,
call dust in his arse, thou hast finisht thy cure.

5 ~~Wher houses be reede~~ (as houses haue neede)
now part of the mosse, & go beat in the reede.
The iuster ye drine it, the smoother & plaine:
more handsome ye make it, to shut of the raine.

6 From May till October, leaue cropping for whye
in woodlere, what euer thou croppist will die,
where Iupe embraeth, the tree very soze:
kill Iupe, or tree else, will addle no more.

7 Kepe thresshing for thresher, til May be come in
to haue to be suer, fresh chaff in the binne,
and somewhat to skamble, for hog & for hen:
& worke when it sayneth, for lortering men.

8 Be suer of haye, & of prouender some,
for laboring cattle, till pasture be come,
And if ye do minde, to haue nothing to sterne:
haue one thing, or other, for all thing to serue.

9 Ground compassed well, & a following yere,
(if wheate or thy barley, to rank doth appere)
Now eate it with sheepe, or els mowe it ye maye:
for ledging & so, to the birds for a praye.

10 In Maye get a wede hoke, a crotch & a gloue,
and wede out such wedes, as the corne do not loue:
For weding of winter corne, now it is best:
but Iune is the better, for weding the rest.

All weedes. 11 the May wede doth burn, & y thistle doth freate,
the fyches pul downward, both rye & the wheate,
The

The brake is the cockle, be not cometo murther
pet like unto bodde, no weede thers is such

12 Sucke neuer thy weedy, for be thy noz for theape
the corne shall reward it, er euer ye reape.
and specially where ye do reape call for lecher
let that be well weeded, the bester to weede

13 The Baye is good soweing, the buck of the brak
that black is as peper, & smelleth so rank.
It is to thy land, as a combe of much
and al thing to maketh, as fat as a busk

14 Good flay & good hēp, for to haue of her owne,
in May, a good huswife will see it be sowne.
And afterward trim it, to seruat a neede
the symble to spinne, & the harse for the reede.
Set in to thy hop yard, for now is the time
to teach Roben hop, on his pole how to clyme.
To folow the Sunne, as his proper tis
and weede him & trim him, if ought ye amis

16 Grasse, thistle & mustard seede, hemlock & bur,
tine, mallowes & nettles, that kepe such a stir,
with perock & turkye, that nibbles of top
are verie ill neighbors, to seely pooze hop.

17 From wheat go & rake out, the tifters or tine,
if care be not forth, it will rise againe fine.
Use now in thy rye, little raking or none:
bzeake tine from his roote, & so let it alone.

18 **W**hoso newly quibsettis, som weding do craue,
the kindlye merriment, thare by to haue
then after a shower, to weding a match:
more easely wede, with the roote to dispatch.

19 **T**he feul & the quannere, so marrysh be kinde,
& are to daye agned, nowe win to thy minde,
which perely vndrayned, & suffred vncut:
annoyeth the meadowes, that there on do but.

20 **T**ake heede to the bees, & are ready to swarme
the losse theare, of now, is a retines worth of harme
let skillfull be ready, & diligence seene:
least being to rascles, thou loost thy beede.

21 **I**n May at & iunio, tway fallow thy land,
much doo it maye this after, cause plough for to stand
this tilth being donne, ye haue passed the wylst:
then after whop plow, plow thou with the sylst.

22 **T**wye fallow once ended, get tumbrell & man,
& compas that fallow, as close as ye can,
Let skillfull bestowe it, where neede is vpon:
more profit the sooner, to followe the oon.

23 **H**yde hedlonds so much, if ye will to the knees,
so dripped & shadowd, with bullhes & trees.
bare plotts full of galles, yf ye plow ouerthwart,
& compas it then, is a busbandly parte.

24 **L**et chylzen be hyered, to laye to their bones,
from fallow as nedeth, to gather vp stones.

what

what wisdom, for profit addeth hato:
that husband & hufwife, must willingly do.

25 to graffe wth thy calves, in som meadow plot nere
where neither their moothers, may see the noz here
where water is plenty, & bath to sit warme:
and loke wel vnto them, for taking of harme.

26 Pinch neuer thy wewels, of water or meate,
if euer ye hope, for to see them good neate.
in sommer tyme daylie, so winter in frost:
if cattle lack drinke, they be vtterly lost.

27 For coneting much, oies lye not thy ground,
& then shall thy cattle, be lusty & sound.
but pinch them of pasture, while sommer doth last,
& lifte at their tates, er an winter be past.

28 Get home with thy fewel, made ready to set,
the sooner, the easser, caridg to get.
or otherwise lenger, the carridge there on:
till (where as ye leff it) a quarter be gon.

29 His frezing in sommer, let citizen buye,
least buyage in winter, make purse for to crye.
For carman & collier, harps on a stringe,
in winter they cast, to be with the to bringe.

30 From May till mid August, an hower or two,
let patch sleape a snatch, how someuer ye do.
though sleaping one hower, refresh his song:
yet trust not hab growthed, for sleaping to long.

Majes husbandry.

31 The knowledge of falling; is one preaty feate,
the waters be holefome, the chargis not greater;
what timely thou gettist, while sommer doth last;
thinke winter will help the, to spend it as fast;

32 Fine hazel desprith, it may be her lot,
to grow as the yekflower, trim in a pot.
that ladies & gentles, for whom she doth serue;
maye help her as needith, pure life to prepetue.

June abstract.

Chap. 38.

*Calm weather in June,
corne settis in June.*

*Forgotten month past,
Do now at the last.*

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| 1 | Swath shepe for to share,
that shepe may go bare. | 7 | Who goith a borrowing,
goith a forrowing. |
| 2 | Though fleese ye take,
no patches make. | 8 | Se cart in plight,
and al things right. |
| 3 | Share lambs no whist,
or share not yet. | 9 | Take oze ouer hed,
Both houell & shed. |
| 4 | If meadowe be growen,
let medow be mowen. | 10 | If houell make stack,
with peake on his back. |
| 5 | Plowe early ye maye.
and then carry haye. | 11 | good stowe house needfull,
in order, speedefull. |
| 6 | It is good to be knowne,
to haue of thine owne. | 12 | Thy barne repayer,
make flower sayer. |

Such

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| 13 | Such shrubbs as mope,
in sommer destrope. | 18 | Hop hates the land,
with grauel & sand. |
| 14 | Swinge trimbles & brakes
get forkes & rakes. | 19 | Dye rotten moolde,
for hop is worth goodde. |
| 15 | Spare hedlond some,
till haruest come. | 20 | The sonne south west,
for hop yerd best. |
| 16 | Cast wyche & pond,
to laye upon lond. | 21 | Hop plot once sownde,
dow digg the grounde. |
| 17 | Where hops will growe,
here learne to knowe. | 22 | Hops favorith male,
hope, theist both erall. |
| | hops many toll come,
in a roope of come. | | Of hops moze rede,
as time doth neede. |

Iunes husbandrie.

Chap 39.

Vash shepe (for the better) where water doth ru
& let him go clenly, & dye in the sun.

then spare him & spare not, at two dayes an end:
the sooner the better, his corpe will amend.

2 Reward not thy shepe (when ye take of his cote)
with twitchis & patchis, as brode as a grote.
let no such vngentlenes, happen to thine:
least fye with her gentils, do make it to pine.

Act

3 Let lambs go bachelled, till Iune be half wone,
the better their fleeces, will growe to be shone:
the Dye will discharge thee, for pulling the rest:
the lighter the sheepe is, then feedeth it best.

4 If meadow be forward, be mowing of some,
but mowe as the makers, may well over come:
take heed to the weather, the winde & the fye:
if danger approacheth, then cock apace.

5 Plough early tillen a clock, then to the haye,
in plowing & carting, so profit ye maye.
by little & little, thus doing ye win:
that plough that not hinder, when harvest cometh in.

6 Prouide of thine owne, to haue all thing at had,
least work & the workman, vnoccupied stand.
Loue seidome to borrow, that thinkest to saue:
for he that once lendeth, twice looketh to haue.

7 To borrow to daye, & to morow to myse,
to lender & borrower, no pance it is.
then haue of thine owne, wth out lending vnspilt:
or borrowe with forrowe, as long as thou wilt.

8 Let Cart be well fearcht, wth out & wth in,
well closted & greased, or haye will begin.
Thy haye being carrid, though carter had sworne:
carts bottom well boerded, is sauing of coine.

9 Good husbards? lay, to saue, althoug^h bright,
for tunsellers & cart, haue a shed redy light.

where

where vnder the hog, may in winter lye warme,
to stand so enclosed, as winde do no harme.

10 So likewise a houell, will serue for a room,
to stack on thy peason, when haruest shall coom.
and serue thee in winter, more ouer then that:
to shut vp the porklings, thou mindest to fat.

11 What husbandly husbands, except they be fooles
but hadsom haue store house, for trinkets & tooles.
And all in good order, fast locked to lye:
what euer is needefull, to finde by & by.

12 Thy houses & barnes, would be looked vpon,
and all thing amended, er haruest come on.
Things thus set in order, in quiet & rest:
shall further thy haruest, & pleasure thee best.

13 The bushes & thorne, wth the shrubbs that do noy
in woodfere or sommer, cut downe to destroy.
But whereas decay, to the tree ye will none:
for danger in woodfere, let hacking alone.

14 At midsommer, downe to the brimbles & brakes
and after, abrode with thy forkes & thy rakes.
set mowers a moweing, wher meadow is growen
the loget (now standing) the wurse to be mowen.

15 Now down with þe grasse, vpon hedlods about,
that groweth in shadow, so rank & so stout.
But grasse vpon hedlond, of barley & pease:
when haruest is ended, go mowe if ye please.

Iunes husbandry.

16 Suche muddy deepe dieches, & pitts in þ field,
that all a drie summer, no water will yeld.
By tyeing & casting, that mudde vpon heapes:
commodities many, the husband man reapes.

*A lesson where and when to plant
good hopyarde.*

17 Whom fanly perswadeth, among other cropps,
to haue for his spending, sufficient of hops.
must willingly folow, of choises to chuse:
such lessons approued, as skilful do vse.

18 Ground, grauely, sandy, & mixed with clay
is naughty for hops, any maner of way.
Or if it be mingled, with rubbish & stonre:
for drieness & barrennes, let it alone.

19 Chuse soile for the hop, of the rottenest mouldre,
well dounge & wrought, as a garden plot shoulde
not far fro the water (but not overflowne)
this lesson well noeted, is meete to be knowne.

20 The Sunne in the South, or els southly & west,
is sope to the hop, as a welcomed gest.
But winde in the north, or else northely & east:
to hop is as ill, as a fraye in a feast.

21 Meete plot for a hopyard, once found as is tolde
make thereof accompt, as of Jewell of golde.
Now dig it, & leaue it the Sunne for to burne:
and afterward fence it, to serue for that turne.

22 The hop for his profit, I thus do exalt,
it strengtheneth drink, & it fauoreth malt.
And being wel brewed, long kept it will last:
and drawing abide, if ye drawe not to fast.

Iulies abstract.

Chap.40.

*Notempest good Iulie,
Least all looke & nelie.*

*Forgotten month past,
Do now at the lest.*

1 Golve first & alwaye,
to ted & make haye.

6 Why fallow I prayther,
least thistles bewrayther.

If storme drawes nye,
then tacke pace nye.

7 Cut of good tolse,
rype beane with a kniffe.

2 Let hay still bide,
till wel it be dride.

8 Rype hemp out kull,
from karle to pull.

Haye made, away carreye,
no longer sarrye.

Let seede hemp growe,
till nympe ye knowe.

3 Whyo best way trespeth,
be best way thypeth.

9 Some woorme wood saue,
for parch to haue.

4 Two good hay makers,
worth twenty crakers.

10 Get grieft to the mill,
for wanting at will.

5 Let dalops about,
be mowen & had out.

Go reape or pluck,
thp brank or buck.

Se hay do looke greene,
se field ye rake cleene.

Dryde star get in,
for mayde to spin.

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hay haruett **G**O muster thy seruantes, be captain thy selfe,
prouiding them weapon, & other like pe lfe.
get bottels & wallets, keepe filde in the heate:
the feare is as much, as the daunger is great.

2 With tossing & raking, & setting on cocks,
grasse lately in swathes, is hay for an ox:
that donne, go & cart it, & haue it awaye:
the battell is fought, ye haue gotten the daye.

3 Day iustly thy tiethes, what ener thou be,
that God maye in blessing, send fozen to the.
though curat be had, or the parson as euell:
go not for thy tiething, thy selfe to the deuell.

4 Let haye be well made, or auise else amys,
for moulding in goek, or of fiering the house.
laye courst asyde, for the ox & the cow:
the finest for shepe, & thy gelding alow.

5 Then down with thy hedlond, & grow with about
leaue neauer a dalop, vnmowen & had out.
though gras be but thin, about barely & pease.
yet picked vp cleane, ye shall finde therein ease.

6 Thye fallow betime, for destroyng of weede,
least thistle & dock, fall a blooming & sede.
such season may chance, it shall stand the ayon:
to till it againe, er an sommer begon.

7 Not rend of, but cut of, rype beane with a knyfe,
for hinderinge stalk, of het begettive life:
so gather the loweist, & leauinge the top:
shall teach the a trick, for to Dubble thy crop.

8 wisse pluck fro thy seede hēp, & simble hēp e lene
this loketh moze yealow, the other moze grene.
use ton for thy spinninge, leaue Whell the tother:
for shoothrede & halter, for rope & such other.

(twayne,

9 while woormwoode hath seede, get a bundle of
to saue against March, to make flea to retaine.
where chāber is swept, & wormwood is shrowne
no flea for his life, dare abyde to be knowne.

10. Get grist to the mill, to haue plenty in store,
least miller lack water, as meany do moze.
the meale the moze yeldeth, if settunt be thae?
& miller that towleth, take none but his due.

Small seede, gathered best, as
small seede, gathered best, as

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August abstract.

Chap. 42.

Drye August & warme,
Doth haruest no harme.

For gotten month past,
Do now at the last.

1. Thy fallowing, moone,
get compassing donee.

7. Dye gloves to reapers,
bloe we home for shepers.

2. In June & in Iuly,
swinge byakes for a lavye.

8. Wel doings who toulth,
these haruest points pulth.

3. Pare saffron plot,
forget it not.

9. Dape God his part furst,
and not of the world.

4. His disseling made trim
loke shortly for him.

10. Let perlon more,
tyle he carry awaye.

5. When haruest is gone,
then saffron comes on.

11. Kepe cart gap weele,
kepe hog from wheele.

6. A litle of greynye,
byngs saffron a pounde.

12. Dolewe barleye les soyl,
ill moles, much loyl.

Kepe culler in dyeng,
(well vled) worth buyng.

13. Dolewe bareley, with hand,
that wil not stand.

The pleasure fine,
the pofet thyne.

14. Let grenest stand
for making of band.

7. Now strike by boom,
now haruest man coom.

15. Bades made, without deaw
will hold but a feaw.

Take paine for a gaine,
one knawe marritly twain

16. Two rakes to a binder,
laye bande, to finde her.

Get reapers by dape,
Least cozne do decaye.

17. Rake after tieth,
& paye thy tieth.

By great is the cheaper,
if trustie were reaper.

18. Cozne carryd all,
then rake it ye shall.

Let

- 15 Let stock take sheate,
least goese take heate.
yet is it best reason,
to take it in season.
- 16 More often ye turne,
more pease ye out Iourne.
yet inuynow them in,
er carridg begin.
- 17 the carriage plye,
while weathe is drye.
- 18 Wd gooning clim,
goue iust e arin.
- 19 Lape pease vpon stack,
yf honel ye lack.
- And couer it straight,
from dounes that waighe.
- 20 Let gleaners gleane,
the poore I means.
- Which euer ye so tve,
that first eat towe.
- The other forbate,
for colmen to spare.
- 21 Come home lord singing,
come cart, carne bringing.
- We there in hall,
Let betwixt wag all.
- 22 Once had thy desire,
page, footman his hire.
- Let none be beggins,
man, woman his chins.
- 23 Thank God to ye shall,
a gnu for all.

August husbandrie.

Chap. 43.

Thy fallow once endid, go stryke by a by,
both wheat land, & bareley, & so let thy
& as ye haue leysoz, go compas the same:
when by ye do laye it, more fertful to frame.

2 Get downe to thy brakes, er an showers do com
that cattle the better, maye pasture haue som.

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27. *Jo^e August's Husbandrye*

In June & in August, as well doth appere,
is best to mow brakes, of al times in the yere.

3 Dars saffron, betwene the two S. Mary daies,
oz set oz go shif it, that knowest the waies.
What yere shall I do it, (more profit to yeld?)
the sowerth in garden, the thirde in the field,

4 In hauing but fortie foote, cunningly dyght,
take saffron enough, for a lord & a knight.
All winter tyme after, as practise doth teache,
what plot haue ye better, for linnen to bleache.

Cozne har
nest

5 Makester of reapers, get harvest in hand,
the cozne that is ripe, do but shed as it stand.
Be thankfull to God, for his benefices sent,
and willing to saue it, with earnest entent.

6 To let out thy harvest, by great oz by daye,
let this by experience, leade thee awaye.
By great will deceiue thee, with lingring it out:
by day will dispatch, & put all out of dout.

7 Grant harvest lord more, by a peny oz two,
to call on his fellowes, the better to do.
Geue glosues to thy reapers, a larges to crye:
and dayly to lortersers, haue a good eye.

Good har-
nest points.

8 Reape well, scatter not, gather cleane & is thorne
binde fast, shock apace, haue an eye to thy cozne.
Lode safe eary home, follow tyme being faire:
gone iust, in the barne it is out of dispaire.

9 Cozne

9 Corne tythed (Sir parson) together go get,
and caule it on stocks, to be by & by set.
Not leauing it skattering, abrode on the ground:
nor long in the field, but away with it round,

10 To cart gap & barne, set a guide to looke weele,
and hoy out (sir carter) the hog fro the wheele,
Least greedy of feeding, in following cart:
it noyeth or perisbeth, spight of thy hart.

11 The moweing of barley, if barley do stand,
is cheapest & best, for to ryd out a hand,
Some mowe it & rake it, & sets it on cocks:
some mowe it & bindes it, & sets it on shocks,

Mowing of
bareley.

12 Of barley the longest, & greneest ye finde,
leau standing by dalops, till time ye do binde,
Then earely in mornig (while deawe is thereon)
to making of bands, till the deaw be all gon.

14 One spreadeth those bands, so in order to lye,
as barley (in swathes,) may fill it thereby:
which gathered vp, with the rake & the hand:
the follower after hym, bindeth in band.

14 Where barley is raked, (if dealing be true)
the tenth of such racking, to person is due.
where scattrig of barley, is scene to bee much:
ther custome nor consciēce, tyething should grutch.

15 Corne being had downe, any way ye alow,
should wither as nedeth, for burning in mow.

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such skill aperteinith, to haruest mannes arte:
 & taken in time, is a hus bandly parte.

16 No turning of peason, till carrige ye make,
 nor turne in no more, then ye minde for to take.
 least beaton with showers, so turned to dryer:
 by turning & tossing, they shed as they lye.

17 If weather be fayer, & tyedy thy graine,
 make spedely carrige, for feare of a rayne.
 for tempest & showers, deceiwith a meny:
 & lingring lubbers, lose meany a peny.

18 In goeing at haruest, learne skilfully how,
 each graine for to laye, by it selfe on amow:
 fede bareley the purist, gone out of the wape:
 all other nigh hand, gone as iust as ye mape.

19 Stack pease vpon houel, abroad in the yerde,
 to couer it quickly, let owner regarde.
 least done & the cadow, there finedinge a smack:
 with stormy ill weather, do perish thy stack.

20 Corne carryd, let such as be pooze go & gleane,
 & after thy cattle, to mowthit by cleane.
 then spare it for rowen, till Michl be past:
 to lengthen thy dayrie, no better thou hast.

21 In haruest time, haruest folk, seruants & all,
 should make all to gyther, good there in thy hall,
 & fill out the blackboll, of bleich to their song:
 and let them be merye, all haruest time longe.

22 Once ended thy haruest, let none be begylde,
please such as did helpe thee, man, woman & chylde.
Thus doing, with all way, such help as they can:
thou winnest the prayse, of the laboring man.

23 Now loke vp to Godward, let tong neuer cease
in thankiug of him, for his mighty encrease.
Accept my good will, for a prose go a tye:
the better thou thriuest, the gladder am I.

*A brief conclusion where yow maye see,
each word in the verse to begin with a T.*

Cap. 44.

THe thriftie, that teacheth the thriuing to thriue.
Teach timely to trauesse, the thig that thou triue,
Transferring thy toyling, to timelines tought,
This teacheth thee repance, to temper thy thought.
Take trustie (to trust to) that thinkest to thee,
That trustelie thriftines, trowleth to thee.
Then temper thy trauell, to tary the tyde.
This teacheth the thriftines, twenty times tryde.
Take thankfull thy talent, thank thanfully those,
That thriftely teacheth, thy time to transpouse.
Troth, twise to thee teacheth, teach twenty times ten
This trade thou that takest, take thrift to the then.

Triue for
contriue.

Thee for
thriue.

Thomas Tusser,

P. ii.

Mans age deuided, here ye haue,
By prentiships, from birth to his graue.

Chap. 45.

- 7 The first vii. yeres, bring vp as a childe.
- 14 The next, to learninge, for waxing to wilde.
- 21 The next, kepe vnder sir hobber de boye.
- 28 The next, a man, no longer a boye.
- 35 The next, let lusty, laye wysely to wiue.
- 42 The next, lay now or else neuer to thriue.
- 49 The next, make suer for terme of thy life.
- 56 The next, saue somewhat for children and wife.
- 63 The next, be staied geue ouer thy lust.
- 70 The next, think howerly whyther thou must.
- 77 The next, get chayer & crotchis to staye.
- 84 The next to beauen, god send the the awaye.

Who looseth their yewth,
shall rue it in age,
who hateth the yewth,
in sorrow shall rage.

A brief

*A briefe declaration,
of mannes inclination.*

Chap. 46.

The Ape, the Lyon, the Fox, the Asse:
Thus setts for the man, as in a glasse.

Ape, *Like Apes we be toyinge, till twenty & one.*
Lyon, *Then hastie as Lions, till xl be gone.*
Fox, *then wilye as Foxis, til xl. & three:*
Asse, *then after, for Asses accounted, we be.*

Who playes with his better, this lesson must knowe,
what humblenes, fox to the lyon doth owe.
for ape with his toyenge, & rudenes of asse:
brings (out of good hower) displeasure to passe.

¶ Comparing good husband, with vntbrist his brother
the better decernith, the tone from the tother.

Chap. 47.

I husbandrye baggeth,
to go with the best.
good husbandrye baggith:
vp golde in his chest.

All husbandrye trudgeth,
with vntbristes about.

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Comparison betweene &c.
good hus bandye smudgith,
for feare of a dout.

3 All hus bandye spendith
abrode like a moine,
good hus bandye tendith,
his chargis at home.

4 All hus bandye sellith,
his corne on the grownde,
good hus bandye smellith
no gaine that wape townde.

5 All hus bandye loesith
for lack of good sence,
good hus bandye cloesith,
& gainith the pence.

6 All hus bandye trustith
to him & to hur,
good hus bandye lustith
him selfe for to stur.

7 All hus bandye eatith
him selfe out a doore,
good hus bandye meatith,
him selfe & the pooze.

8 All hus bandye dayeth
or lettith it lye,
good hus bandye payeth
the cheaper to buye,

All

9 All husbandrye lurkith,
& stealith a flepe,
good husbandrye workith
his howfold to kepe.

10 All husbandrye leuith
by that & by this,
good husbandrye geuith
to ery man his.

11 All husbandrye taketh
& spendith by all,
good husbandrye maketh
good shift with a small.

12 All husbandrye prayeth
his wife to make shift,
good husbandrye saieth
take this of my gift.

13 All husbandrye drowlith
at fortune so awake,
good husbandrye rowlith
him selfe, as a hawke.

14 All husbandrye lyeth
in prizon for det,
good husbandrye spieth
where profet to get.

15 All husbandrye wayes
hath to frawde what he can,
good

*I am the firste man in the world that hath written this booke
of husbandrye by the name of Thomas Tuscanus*

3. 157 *Comparison betweene &c.*

Good husbandrie, prayse
hath of euerie man.

19 All husbandrie neuer
hath wealth to keepe touche,
good husbandrie euer.
hath peny in pouche.

Good husband his boone
or request hath a farr:
Ill husband, as soone
hath a tode with an R,

A Comparison betweene Champion & Seneral.
Chap. 48.

The countrey enclosed I prayse,
the tother delyteth not me,
For nothing the welth it doth rayse
to suche as inferior be.
Because of them both I do knowe:
I minde thereof somewhat to shewe.

2 There, swineheard that kepeth the hog
there, neatheard with curre & his horne,
There, shepheheard with whistle & dog
be fence, to the meadowe and cozne.
There, horse being tayed on a balke,
is ready with theefe for to walke.

3 where al thing in common doth rest,
cozne fielde with the pasture and meade:

Though

Though common ye do for the best,
yet what doth it stand ye in steade.
There commune as communers do,
as good else to robble a hood.

4 What layer much better then there?
or cheaper (thereon to do well)

What drudgery more any where,
lesse good thereof, where can ye tell?
What gotten by Summer is seene:
that winter, there eateth by cleene.

5 Example by *L*eycester shire,
what soile can be better then that,
for any thing hart can desire:
and yet doth it want ye for what?
Hast, couert, close pasture, a wood,
and other things needefull as good.

6 All thease doth enclosure bring,
experience teacheth no lesse,
I speake not to boast of the thing,
but onely a trothe to confesse.
Example (if doubt ye to make)
by *S*uffolk & *E*lter go take.

7 More plentie of *M*utton & biese,
corne, butter & cheese of the best,
More wealth any where (to be biese)
more people, more handsome & prest,
where finde ye? (go search any toest,
than there, where enclosure is moest.

A comparison bet weene v. and C.

8 More worke, for the laboring man,
as well in the towne as the fiede.

Of thereof (deuise if ye can)
more profit, what countreys do yelde:
More seldome, where se ye the poore,
go begging from doore vnto doore.

9 In Norfolk, beholde the dispaire,
of tillage, to much to bee borne,
By droeuers from faier to faier:
and others destroying the corne.
By custome & couetous pates,
by gappes & by opeing of gates.

10 What speake I of commoners bye,
with drawing all aſtref a lone,
So noying the corne, as it lye,
with cattel, with ſheepe & with ſwine.
When all is beſtowed the coſt,
looke halfe of the ſame to be loſt.

11 The flockes, of the lordes of the ſoyle,
do perely the winter corne wrong,
The ſame in a manner they ſpoyle.
with feeding ſo lowe & ſo long.
And therefore, that champion felder:
doth ſeldome good winter corne yelde.

12 More profit is quieter found,
(where paſtures in ſeueral bee)
Of one ſilly acte of ground,
Then Champion maketh of three.

Againe what a ioy is it knowen,
when men may be bolde of their owne.

13 The tone, is commended for graine,
yet bread made of beanes they do eate:
The tother, for one loafe haue twaine,
of maffin, of rye, or of wheate.
The Champion liueth full bare,
when woodland full merie doth fare.

14 Tone, geueth his corne in a darch,
to horfe, sheepe & hog ery day,
The tother, geue cattel warme barth,
and feede them with strawe & with hay.
Corne spent of the tone, fo in vaine,
the tother, doth sell to his gaine.

15 Tone, barefoote & ragged doth go,
and ready in winter to ferue,
when tother, ye see do not fo,
but hath that is needefull to ferue.
Tone, paine in a cottage doth take,
whē tother, trim boowers do make.

16 Tone, layeth for turffe & for sedge,
and hath it with wonderfull fuite,
when thother, in euery hedge,
hath plentie of fewell & fruite.
Euils twenty times worfer then theafe,
enclosure full quickly would ease.

17 In woodland the pooze men & haue,
fcarce fully two acres of lande,

14 More merily liue, & do laue.
than tother, with twenty in hand,
yet pay they as much for the two,
as tother for twenty must do.

15 The laborer coming from thence,
in woodland to woork any where,
(I warant you) goeth not hence,
to worke any more againe there.
If this same be true (as it is)
why gather they nothing of this?

26 The poore, at enclosing do grutch,
because of abuses that fall,
Least som mā should haue but too much,
and some againe nothing at all.
If order mought there in be founde,
what were to the feuerall grounde,

Thus endid husbandrie,
here foloweth huswifrie.

¶

Man, mine idid for to thrive,
must wisely lay to wine,
what hap may thereby fall:
here argued since ye shall.

The dialog between two batchelers, of winning and
thriving by Affirmation and Objection.

Affirmation.



I Remde, where we mette this other day,
we heard one make his mone and say,
Good Lorde, how might I thrive;
we heard an other answer him.
Then make the handsome trick & trim,
& laye in time to wine.

Objection.

And what of that; saye you to me,
Do you your selfe thinke that to be;
The best waye for to thrive;
If trouth were truely tolde oute,
As touching this, I stand in doubt,
If men were best to wine.

Affirmation.

There is no doubt, for prone I can,
I haue but seldome seene that man,
which coude the waye to thrive;
Untill it was his happye lot,
To stave him selfe in some good plot;
& wisely then to wine.

Obie-

Obiection.

And I am of an other minde;
 For by no reason can I finde,
 Howe that waye I shoulde thine,
 For where as now I spende a penny,
 I should not then be quyt with meyny,
 In bondage for to wine.

Affirmation.

Not so, for now where thou doest spend
 Of this & that, is no good ende,
 Which hindreth thee to thine;
 Such bakke expells thou shouldst saue,
 and dayly then laye more to haue,
 as others do that wine.

Obiection.

Why then do folke, this proverbe putt,
 the blacke ore neare sethade on thy foot,
 If that waye were to thine;
 Here out a man may take pike for the
 leave feeleth what a party is worth,
 Till such tyme as the pike is spent.

Affirmation.

It may so chaunce as thou doste saye,
 This lesson therefore heare adwaye,
 If thereby thou wilt thine
 Loke ere thou leape, see ere thou go,
 It may be for thy profite so,
 For the to laye to wine.

Obiection.

It is to muche wee dayly here,
To wine and thine both in a yere.
As touching now to thine,
I know not here in what to spie
But that there doth smal profite lye
to fanſie for to wine.

Affirmation.

In dede the first yere of this ſuche
That fondly ſomme beſe with muche
A lette to them to the wile
Yet other moe, may none be founde
whiche getteth many a faire yow
The ſame day that they will

Obiection.

I graunte, ſome getteth more that daye
Than they can eaſely beare a waye
Howe nedes they muſt they thinge
what gaineth ſuche think you by that
A littell harder you ſhoulde what
through fondnes for to wine.

Affirmation.

Thou ſeemeſt blinde, as moe have been
It is not beautie bringeth in
The thinge to make the thine
In womankind, ſee that ye doo
Require of her, no giſte but two
when ere ye minde to wine.

Obiection.

Obiection.

Opinion.

But twoo saye you? I pray you than,
 Sheaw those as be soe as you can.
 If that may helpe to chunge gylthlesse
 I weene we muste thinke on that.
 Of those same that are to be touned
 When ere wee chance to wind.

А.И.С.А.А.

Honestie & Huswiferie An honest husbande shal do mee, And shal beed me
 bee those same waies that shal mee, And shal beed me
 That helpe so much to the more, And shal beed me
 As honestie shal be to godde, And shal beed me
 so huswiferie shal be to godde, And shal beed me
 do pleasure such as shal be, And shal beed me

Opinion.

The honeste to bothe Tigham, smol, p. 100, 101
Is one good person a wife should haunt
To make her husbande a better man
But now false world I haue not done
How should a man good wife knowe
If once he haue a wife

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A huswife good become will be,
 And order things in comely sort;
 Her minders set to thowre:
 Upon her distaffe, shee will spin;
 And with her needle shee will win,
 If suche ye hap to winne.

100

Obiection.

It is not idle going about,
nor all day picking on a clout
Can make a man to thrive:
If else there be none other winning,
but that the wife gets, by her spinning,
Small thrift it is to winne.

Affirmacion.

Some more then this, yet do they shall,
Although thy stock be verie small,
yet will she help thee thrive:
Lay you to saue as well as shee,
and then you shall enriched bee.
when such you hap to winne.

Obiection.

If shee were mine, I tell thee trothe,
To muche to trouble her I were lothe,
For greedines to thrive:
Least some should talke, as is the speeche
of good winers husband weares no breech,
If such I hap to winne.

Affirmation.

What hurts it thee, what some do say,
If honestly she take the way
To help thee for to thrive:
For honestie will make her prest,
To do the thing that shall be best.
If such ye hap to winne.

R.i.

Obiection

Wining & thriuing

Obiection.

Why did Diogenes saye than,
To one that askt of him time whan,
were best to wine to thriue:
Not yet (quod he) if thou be pong,
If thou wer olde, then holde thy tong,
It is to late to wine.

Affirmation.

Belike he knewe some shreawithe wife,
which with her husband, made such strife,
That hindred him to thriue:
who then may blame him for that cause,
though the he spake, as some had cause.
as touching for to wine.

Obiection.

Why then I see, to take a shreawe,
(as seldome other there be seawe),
Is not the way to thriue:
So hard a thing I spie it is,
The good to chuse the shreawe to misse,
that feareth me to wine.

Affirmation.

She may in some thing, seeme a shreaw,
Yet suche a huswife as but seawe,
To helpe thee for to thriue:
This prouerbe, looke in minde ye kepe.
As good a shreawe is, as a sheepe,
For you to take to wine.

Obiection

Obiection.

Howe be she lambe or be she ewe,
 Geue me the sheepe, take thou the sheaw
 Se whiche of vs shall thriue:
 If she be sheaw wishe thinke for trothe,
 For all her thrift, I would be lothe,
 to matche with suche to wiue.

Affirmation.

Tut she, farewell then I leaue you of,
 Suche fooles as you, that loue to scot,
 Shall seldome wiue to thriue:
 Contrarie her as you do mee,
 And then ye shall I warrant ye,
 Repent ye, if ye wiue.

Obiection.

Frinde, let vs both geue iustly place,
 To wedded man to iudge this case,
 whiche best way is to thriue:
 For both our talke, as seemeth plaine,
 Is but as hayneth in our braine,
 To will or not to wiue.

*Wedded mans iudgement,
 vpon the former argument.*

As Cock, that wants his mate,
 goes rousing all about,
 with croewing earely & late:
 to finde his louer out:

R. ii.

Moderator.

And

Wining & thriuing

And as pooze seely hen
Longe wantinge Cock to guide,
soone Droopes, & shortly then
beginnes to peake a side:
euen so it is with man & wife,
(where gouernment is sownde)
the want of thon, the tothers life
doth shortly soone confownde,

If icke & in earnest, here argued ye finde,
that hul band with hul wife, in wedlock must dwell,
and therto the iudgment of weddis mans mynde
that husbandry otherwyse speedith not well.
soe, somwhat moze now, I intend so: to tell,
of huswifrie like as of husbandrie tolde:
how huswifly huswife, helps byinge in the golde.

FINIS.

The pointes of hus-

wifrie, vnited to the comfort of hus-
bandrie, newly corrected & amplified with di-
uers good lessons for householders to re-
creat the reader, as by the table at
the end here of moze plainely
maye apere,

Set forth by Thomas Tusser
gentleman. 1573.

To the right honorable and my espec-
ial good Lady and Mistris the
Lady Paget.

Though danger be nickle
& sauour so sickle:
yet dutie both tickle,
my fanlie to wright:

concerning how prettie,
how fine & how nettis
good huswife should pettie
from mozening to night.

2 Not myned by wrighting,
to kinde a spighting,
but sheaw by endighting,
as afterwarde tolde:

how hus bandye easly
so huswifrie pleasly,
& many purse greatly
with siluer & golde.

3 For hus bandye weepth
where huswifrie sleepth,
and hardly he creepth
by ladder to thrist:
that wantith to holde him
thristes ladder to holde him
before it be tolde him,
he fallis with out thiste.

R.iii.

Least

Epistle.

4 Least many shold feare me,
and others so; sweare me,
of troth I do beare me
bright as ye se:
fulmined so to loue all,
e not to reprocate all,
but onely to moue all,
good huswives to be.

5 For if I shold minde som,
or desiant behinde som,
e missing to finde som,
displease so I might:
or if I should blend them,
e so to offend them,
what shir I should send them
I stand in about.

6 Though harmles I make it,
and some do wel take it,
if others so; take it
what pleasure were that:
naught else but to paine me.
e nothing to gaine me,
but make them disgaime me,
I wot ner so; what.

7 Least som make a triall,
as clock by the dyall,
som stand to deny all,
som murmur e grudge:
grieue indgement I pray you,
for iustly so may you
so farsie so say you,
I make you my iudge.

8 In time, ye shall trye me,
by trouth, ye shall speme,
so finde, so set by me,
according to skill:
how eauer tree grow with
the fruit, the tree shol with,
your ladieship know with,
my hart and good will.

9 though fortune doth measure,
and I do lack treasure,
yet if I may pleasure
your honour with this:
then wil me to mend it,
or mend er ye send it,
or any where lend it,
if ought be amisse.

your Ladieships seruant
Thomas Tuffer,

The preface of the booke of Huswifrie.

Take weapon away, of what force is a man?
Take huswife from husbād, & what is he than?

2 As louers desireth to gether to dwell,
so husbandry loueth, good huswifrie well.

3 Though husbandry seemeth, to bring in gaires
yet huswifrie labours, seeme equal in paires.

4 Some respite to husbands, the weather maye send
but huswifes affaires, hath neuer none ende.

¶ As true as thy faith,

Thus huswifrie saith.

I Serue for a day, for a weeke, for a year,
for life time, for euer, while man dwelleth here.

The maies
of huswifry

For richer, for poorer, from North to the South.

for honest, for hardhed, or daintie of mouth.

For wed, and vnwedded, in sicknes and bealth,

for all that well liueth, in good common wealth.

For Citie, for countrey, for Court and for cart,

to quiet the head, and to cōfort the hart.

*A description of huswife and
Huswiferye.*

Of huswife, doth huswiferie challenge þ name,
of huswiferie, huswife doth likewise the same.
where husband & husbandry, toyneth with thease,
there welthines gotten, is holden with ease.

The name of a Huswife, what is it to say?
the wife of the house, to the husband a stay.
If huswife doth that, as belongeth to hir:
if husband be wietye, there needeth no fir.

The Huswife is shee, that to labour doth fall,
the labour of her, I do huswiferie call.
If thrist by that labour, be saued or got:
then is it good huswiferie, else is it not.

The woman, the name of a Huswife doth win,
by keeping her house, and of doings therein.
And shee that with husband, will quietly dwell:
must think on this lesson, and follow it well.

FINIS.

¶ Serue God is the furst,
True loue is not wurst.

A Dayly good lesson, of huswife in deede,
is God to remember, the better to speede.

2 A nother good lesson, of huswiferie thought,
is huswife with husband, to lieue as she ought.

¶ Wife comely no grieffe,
Man out, huswife chiefe.

3 Though trickshy to see to, be gallant to wine,
pet comely & wise, is the huswife to thryue.

4 When husband is absent, let huswife be chiefe,
and looke to their labour, that eateth her bieffe.

¶ Both out, not alow,
Keepe house, huswife thow.

5 Where husband & huswife, be both out of place,
there seruants do loyter, and reason their case.

6 The huswife so named (of keeping the house)
must tend on her profit, as cat on the mouse.

¶ Seeke home for rest,
For home is best.

7 As huswiues keepe home, & be stirrers about,
so speedeth their winnings, the pere thorough out.

8 though home be but homly, pet huswif is taught
that home hath no fellow, to such as haue aught.

S. i. Vse

Instructions to Huswiferie.

¶ Use all with skill,
aske what ye will.

9 Good vsage with knowledge, & quiet with all,
Makes huswife to shine, as the sun on the wall.

10 what husband refuseth, all comely to haue,
that hath a good huswife, al willing to saue.

¶ Be ready at neede,
all thine to feede.

11 The case of god huswiues, thus daily doth stand,
what euer shall chaunce, to be ready at hand.

12 This care hath a huswife all daye in her hed,
that all thing in season be huswisely fed.

¶ By practise go muse,
how howshold to vse.

13 Dame practise is she, that to huswife must tell,
which waye for to gouerne, her family well.

14 Use labourers gently, keepe this as a lawe,
make childe to be ciuill, keepe seruant in awe.

¶ who carelesse do leiuē,
occasion do geiue.

15 Haue euery where, a respect to thy wayes,
that none of thy life, any slaunder may raise.

16 what many do knowe, though a time it be hid,
at length wil abyode, when a mischiefe shal bid.

¶ No neighbour reprove,
do so, to haue loue.

17 the loue of thy neighbour, shal stād thee in stede,
the poozer, the gladder, to helpe at a nede.

18 Use frēdly thy neighbour, else trust him in this
as he hath thy frendship, so trust vnto his.

¶ Strike nothing vnknown,
take hid to thine owne.

19 Reuenge not thy wꝛath, vpon any mans beast,
least thine be like malice, be bid to like feast.

20 What husband prouideth, w money his drudge,
his wife must loke to, which waye it doth trudge.

A Digression.

NOW out of the matter, this lesson I add,
cōcerning cock croweing, what profer is had
experience teacheth, as true as a clock:
how winter nightes passeth, by marking the cock.

Cock croweth at midnight, times feaw aboue six,
w pause to his neighbour, to answer betwix,
at threeclock thicker, & then as ye knowe:
like all in to mattens, nere day they do crowe.

At midnight, at thre, & an hower ere dawe,
they vtter their language, as wel as they mawe.
which who so regardith, what counsell they gene.
will better loue croweing, as longe as they leue.

For beinge frayde,
take hid good mayde:
Marke crowing of cock
for feare of your dock,

S.ii.

Cock croweing.

*At mid-
night.*

¶ The first cock croweith,
Howe, dame it is midnight what rumbling is that
The next cock sheweith,
Take hide to false harlots, & moze ye wot what.
If noyse ye do heare.
loke all thing be cleare.
Least drabbs do noy the,
and theues destroy the,

At iii. a clock

¶ The first cock croweith,
Maydes thre a clock, kned, lay your bucks, or go
The next cock shewith. *(biewe,*
And cobble & botch, ye that cannot buy newe,
Both mayden and man,
Mend now what ye can.
Leaue gibber gabber,
mend slibber slabber.

*At þe break-
of daye.*

¶ The first cock croweith,
Past fiue a'clock, holla: mayde sleeping beware,
The next cock sheweith,
Least quickly your mystris, vncover your bare.
Mayde vp I beseeche you,
Least mystris do breche you,
To worke and away,
As fast as ye may,

Now

Now listen good huswines, what huswifrie here,
set out for a daye, as it should for a yere.

¶ No sooner some vp,
But nose is in cup.

GEt by in the mozening, as soone as thou wilt,
with ouer long slugging, good seruant is spilt.

2 Some slouens from sleeping, no sooner be vp,
But hand is in aunbrie, & nose in the cup.

¶ That carely is donne,
Counte huswisely wonne.

3 Som works in y morning, may trimly be donne
that all the day after, can hardly be wonne.

4 Good husband without, is it nedefull there be?
good huswife within, is as nedefull as he.

Cast dust into yarde,
& spin and go carde.

Sluts corners audidd, shall further thy helth,
much time about triefles, shall hinder thy welth.

6 Set some to peepe hemp, or else reshis to twine,
to spin & to carde, or to seething of byne.

¶ Grinde malt for drinke,
See meat do not stinke.

7 Set som about cattle, some pasture to bewe,
Some, malt to be grineding, against ye do byewe.

Some, cozneth, som brineth, som wil not betaught
where meate is atametid, ther cookery is naught.

Huswiferie

¶ To breakfast that come,
geue erye one some.

Breakfast. 9 Call seruants to breakfast, by day star appere,
a snatch & to worke fellowses, tarry not here.

10 Let huswife be caruer, see pottage be heate,
a messe to eache one, with a morsell of meate.

¶ No more tittle 'tattle,
Go serue your cattle,

11 what tack in a pudding, sayes greby gut wriger
geue such ye wot what, er a pudding he finger.

12 Let seruant once serued, thy cattle go serue,
least often if seruing, make cattle to sterue.

¶ Learne you that will thee,
How deintie some bee,

13 No breakfast of custome, prouide for to saue,
but onely for suche, as deserueth to haue.

14 No shewing to seruant, what vitayles in store,
shew seruant his labour, & shew him no more.

¶ Of hauock beware,
Cat nothing will spare.

15 Where all thing is comon, what nedeth a hutch
where wanteth a sauer, there haueck is much.

16 Where windowe is open, cat maketh a fray,
yet wilde cat with two legs, is worse by my say.

¶ Looke

¶ Looke well vnto thine,
Slut slothfull, must whine.

17 In eye in a corner who bseth to haue,
reuealeth a drab, & pzeuenteth a knaue.

18 Make maide to be clenly, or make her cry creake
and teach her to stir, when her mistress doth speake.

¶ Let holly wand threate,
Let fysgyg be beate.

19 A wand in thy hand, though ye fight not all,
make youth to their businesse, better to fall.

20 For feare of foole had I wist, cause the to waile
let fysgyg be taught, to shut doore after tayle.

¶ To easy the wicket,
VVill still apeace clicket.

21 With her that will clicket, make danger to cope,
least quickly her wicket, seeme easy to ope.

22 As rod little mendeth, where maners be spilt,
so naught will be naught, say & do what thou wilt.

¶ Fight seldome ye shall,
But vse not to brall.

23 Much brauling w seruant, what man can abide
pay home whē thou fightest, but loue not to chide.

24 As order is heavenly, where quiet is had,
so erroz is hell, or a mischiese as bad.

¶ what

Huswiferie

¶ What better a lawe,
Then subiect in awe.

25 Such awe as a warning, will cause to beware
Doth make the whole household, the better to fare.

26 The lesse of thy counsell, thy seruants do knowe,
their due tie the better, such seruantes shall thowe,

¶ Good musicke regarde,
Good seruant reward.

27 Such seruants are oftenest, painfull & good,
that sing in their labour, as birdes in the wood.

28 Good seruants hope iustly, some frendship to feele
and loke to haue fauour, what time they do weele.

¶ By once or twise,
Tis good to be wise.

29 Take runagate Robbin, to pittie his neede,
and looke to be filched, as true as thy Creede.

30 Take warning by once, that a worse do not hap
foresight is the stopper, of many a gap.

¶ Some change for a shift,
Oft change, small thrift.

31 Make feare of thy counsell, to change for y^e best,
least one that is trudging, infecteth the rest.

32 The stone that is roweling, cā gather no losse,
for master & seruant, oft chaunging is losse.

¶ Both

¶ Both liberall sticketh,
Some, prouender pricketh.

33 One Dog for a Hog, & one Cat for a House,
one ready to geene, is inough in a house.

34 One gift ill accepted, keepe next in thy purse,
whom prouender pricketh, are often the worse.

¶ Brew somewhat for thine,
else keepe no swine.

35 Where brewing is needefull, be brewer thy selfe
what filleth the roose, will helpe furnish the selfe.

36 In buying of drink, by the firkin or pot,
scoze quickly aryleth, hog profiteth not.

¶ Well brewed, worth cost,
Ill vsed, halfe lost.

37 One bushel wel brewed, outlasteth som twaine
two troubles for nothing, is cost to no gaine.

38 To newe is no profite, to stale is as bad,
drink dead or else sower, makes laborer sad.

¶ Remember good Gyll,
Take paine with thy swyll.

39 seith grains in moze water, while graines be yet
and stir the in copper, as porredge in pot. (hot

40 Such heating w straw, to haue offal good scoze
both pleaseth & easeth, what would ye haue moze. of graines.

T.i.

¶ Newe

Huswiferie.

¶ Newe bread is a dreuill,
Muche crust is as euill,

Baking.

41 New bread is a waester, but mouldy is worse,
What dog catcheth that way, that loseth the purse.

42 Much do w bake I praise not, much crust is as ill
the meane is the huswife, say nay if ye will.

Cookery.

¶ Good cookery craneth,
Good turne broche sauerh.

43 Good cooke to dresse dinner, to bake & to brew,
Deserues a rewarde, being honest & true.

44 Good Diligent turne brotche, & trusty with all,
is sometime as needefull, as some in the hall.

Dayre.

Good dayrie, doth pleasure,
Ill dayrie, spends treasure.

45 Good huswife in dayre, that nedes not be tolde,
Deserueth her fee, to be payde her in golde.

46 Ill seruant neglecting, what huswiferie sayes,
Deserueth her fee, to be payde her in bayes.

Though droy be worth muche,
Marke slutt & fuche,

47 Good droy to serue hog, to help wash & to milk,
more needeful is truely, then some in their silk.

48 Though homely be milker, let clenly be cooke,
for slutt & a slouen, be knowen by their looke.

¶ In

¶ In dairy no cat,
Lay bane for a rat.

49 though cat (a good mouser) doth wel in a house
yet euer in dairy, haue trap for a moule.

50 Take hede how thou layest, the bane for þe ratte
for poysoning seruant, thy self & thy bratts.

¶ No scouring for pride,
Spare kettile whole fyde.

51 though scouring be nedeful, yet scourig to much
is pride without profit, & robbeth thine huch. Scouring.

52 Keepe kettles fro knocks, & let tubs out of lime,
for mending is costly, & crackt is soone dunne.

¶ Take heede when ye wash,
Else runne in the lath.

53 Maides wash wel & wrig wel, but beat ye wot washing,
if any lack beating, I feare it be pow. (how,

54 In washing by hand, haue an eye to thy boll,
for Launderes & Millers, be quick of their toll.

¶ Drye Sunne & drie winde,
Safe binde & safe finde.

55 Go wash wel sayth Sommer, wth Sūne I shal dry
go wring wel sayth winter, wth winde so shall I.

56 To trust without heede, is to benter a ioint,
geue tale & take count, is a Huswifely point.

Huswiferie.

¶ where many be packing,
are many things lacking.

57 When hēnes fall a carling, take hide to their nest,
when drabbes fall a whistring, take hid to the rest.

58 What husband refuseth, things comely to haue
that hath a good huswife, so willing to saue.

¶ Ill making is theft,
wood dride hath a weft.

59 Howse may be so handsome, & skilfulness such,
to make thy owne malt, it shall proset the much.

60 Some drieth with straw, & some drieth wth woode
woode asketh moze charge, & yet nothing so good.

¶ Take hid to the kell,
sing out as a bell.

61 Be surer no chances, to fyre can drawe,
the wood o^r the furzen, the brake o^r the strawe.

62 Let gillet be singing, it doth very well,
to kepe her fro sleeping & burning the kell.

¶ Best dride, best spedes,
ill kept, bowd brede.

63 Malt being well speerid, the moze it will cast,
malt being well dyed, the longer will last.

64 Long kept in ill sollar (vndoubted thou shalt,)
throug^h bowds wout nūber, lose quickly thy malt
For

¶ For hunger or thirst,
dresse cattell wel first.

65 By Adone se your dinner be ready & neate,
let meate tarry seruant, not seruant his meate.

dinnertime

66 Plough cattle a bayting, cal seruant to dinner:
the thicker, so much be the charges the thinner.

¶ Together is best,
for hostis and gest.

67 Dew season is best, altogether is gay,
dispatch hath no fellow, make short and away.

68 Beware of Gill laggose, disordering thy house,
moe dainties who catcheth, thā craftie fed Adouse.

¶ Let such haue inough,
that folow the plough.

69 Geue seruant no dainties, but geue him inough
to many chappes walking, do begger the plough.

70 Dooze seggōs half sternered, work faintly & dull:
and lubbers do loyter their bellies to full.

¶ Geue neuer to much,
to lubbers and such.

71 feede lazie, that thresbeth a flap & a tap,
like slouthfull, thal all day be stopping a gap.

72 Some litherly lubber, moze eateth then two,
yet leaueth vndone, that a stranger will doe.

VVhere

Huswiferie.

¶ Where nothing will last,
Spare suche as thou hast.

33 Some cutteth thy linnē, some spillet their broth,
bare table to some, doth as well as a cloth.

74 Treene dishes be homely, & yet not to lack,
where stone is no laster, take tankard & iack.

¶ Knap boy on the thumbs,
And saue him his crumbs.

75 That pewter is neuer, for manerly feast,
that dayly doth serue, an vnmanerly beast.

76 Som gnaweth & leueth, the crusts & som crusts
eat such ther own leuings, or gnaw their own thūbs

¶ Serue God euer furst,
Take nothing at wurst.

77 At Dinner, at Supper, at Morning, at night,
geue thanks vnto God, for his gifts in thy sight.

78 Good husband & huswife, wil sometime alone,
make shift with a morsell, & suppe with a bone.

¶ Enough thou art tolde,
To muche will not holde.

79 Three dishes wel dressed, & welcome with all,
both pleaseth thy frende, & becommeth thine hall.

80 Enough is a plenty, to muche is a pride,
the plough with ill holding, goes often asyde.

¶ Make

¶ Make company breake,
Go cherishe the weake,

81 When Dinner is ended, set seruants to worke, Afternoone
and follow such marchants, as loueth to lurke. *workes.*

82 To seruant in sicknes, see nothing ye grutch,
a thing of a trifle, shall comfort him mutch.

¶ Who many do feede,
Saue muche they had neede.

83 Put chippings in dippings, bfe parings to saue
fat Capons oꝝ chickens, that lookest to haue.

84 Saue drippings & skimmings, how euer ye doo
foꝝ medrine, foꝝ cattie, foꝝ cart, & foꝝ shoo.

¶ Leane Capon, vnmeete,
Deare fedde is vnswete.

85 Such ofcozne as cometh, geue wife to her see,
feede willingly such, as do help to feede thee.

86 Though fat fed is daintie, of this I thee warne
be cunning in fatting, foꝝ robbing thy barne.

¶ Peece hole to defend,
Things timely amend.

87 good semesters be soewing of fine prett knacks
goed huswiues be mēding, & peeing their sacks.

88 Though making & mēding, be huswisly waies
yet mending in time, is the huswife to praise.

¶ Buy

Huſwiferie.

¶ Buy newe as is meete,
Mark blanket & ſheete.

89 Though Ladies may rend, & buy new ery day,
good huſwiues muſt mēd, & buy new as they map.

90 Call quarterly ſervants, to court & to leete,
wryte euery Couerlet, Blanket & ſheete.

¶ Shift ſlouenly elſe,
Be gayler thy ſelfe.

91 Though ſhifting to oft, be a thiefe in a houſe,
yet ſhift ſlut & ſlouen, for feare of a louſe.

92 Graue doubtful no key, of his chāber in purſe,
leaſt chamber dooze lockt, be to thieſery a nurſe.

¶ Saue feathers for geſt,
T heaſe other rob cheſt.

93 Saue wing for a threſſher, when Gāder doth
ſauc feather of all thing, the ſofter to lye. Dye,

94 Much ſpice is a thiefe, ſo is candle and ſper,
ſwete ſauſe is as craftie, as euer was ſper.

¶ Wiſe make thy owne candle,
Spare, peny to handle.

95 Provide for thy tallow, ere froſt commeth in,
and make thine owne Candle, ere winter begin.

96 If peny for all thing, be ſuffred to trudge,
truſt long not to peny, to haue him thy drudge.

¶ Time

¶ Time drawing to night,
See all thing go right.

97 whē hēnes go to roost, go in hād to dresse meat. Evening
serue hogs & to milking, & some to serue neat. workes.

98 Where twaine be inough, be not serued w three
more knaues in a company, woxer they bee.

¶ Make lacky to trudge,
Make seruant thy drudge.

99 For every trifle, leaue launcing thy Ragg,
but rather make lacky, of Jack boy thy wagg.

100 Make seruant at night, lug in wood or a log,
let none come in emptie, but slutt & thy dog.

¶ False knaue ready prest,
All safe is the best.

101 Where pullein use nightly, to pearch in þ yard
there two legged fores, kepe watches & ward.

102 See cattle well serued, without & within,
and all thing at quiet, ere supper begin.

¶ Take heede is nedefull,
True pitie is medefull.

103 No clothes in gardein, no trinkets without,
no dooze leaue vnbound, for feare of a doubt.

104 Thou woman whō pity, becommeth the best,
graunt all that hath laboured, time to take rest.

U.i.

¶ Vse

Huswiferie.

¶ Vse mirth & good woord,
At bed & at boorde,

Supper
time.

105 Prouide for thy husband, to make hi good there
make mery together, while time ye be here.

106 At bed and at boorde, how soeuer be fall,
what euer God sendeth, be mery withall.

¶ No brawlings make,
No ielousie take.

107 No taunts before seruants, for hindring thy fame
no tarring too loude, for auoiding of shame,

108 As franly & heresy roueth together,
so ielousie leadeth, a foole ye wot whyther.

¶ Tend such as ye haue,
Stop talkatiue knaue,

109 Mong childre & chickens, would euer be eating
good seruants loke duely, for gentle entreating.

110 No seruant at table, vse faulsh to talke.
least tong set at large, out of measure do walke,

¶ No snatching at all,
Sirs harken now all.

111 No lurching, no snatching, no strining at all,
least one go without, and another haue all.

After sup- 112 Declare after Supper, take heede thereunto,
per woordes what worke in the moorning, eche seruant shall do.

¶ Thy

¶ Thy foule hath a clog,
forget not thy dog.

113 Remēber those childre, whose parents be poore
which hunger, yet dare not to craue at thy doore.

114 Thy bad dog that serueth, for diuers mishappes;
forget not to geue him, thy bones and thy scrappes.

¶ Make keyes to be keepers,
To bed ye sleepers.

115 Where mouthes be many, to spend & thou hast
set keyes to be keepers, for spending to fast.

116 To bed after supper, let dronkie go sleepe,
least knane in the darke, to his marrow do creepe.

¶ Kepe keyes as thy life,
feare candle good wife.

117 Such keyes lay by safe, ere ye take ye to rest,
of dayry, of buttrye, of cupboorde an chest.

118 Feare candle in hay loft, in Barne & in Shed,
feare flea smock, & medbzech, for burning their bed

¶ See dore loekt faste,
two keyes make waste.

119 A doze without lock is a baight for a knane,
a lock without key, is a foole that will haue.

120 One key to two locks, if it breake is a greife,
two keyes to one locke in the ende is a theife.

Huswiferie.

¶ Night workes trouble hed,
Lock doores & to bed.

120 The day willethe done, what so euer ye bid,
the night is a thiefe, if ye take not good hid.

121 wath disshes, lay leauens, saue spet & away,
lock doozes & to bed, a good huswife will say.

Bed time.

¶ To bed knowe thy guise,
To rise so do likewise.

122 In winter at nine, & in Sommer at tenn,
to bed after Supper, both maydens & menne.

time to rise 123 In winter at fise a clock, seruant arise,
in Sommer at fower, is euer the guise.

¶ Loue so, as ye may,
Lieue many a day.

Be lowly not soollen, if aught go amisse,
what wrestling may lose thee, that win with a kisse.
Both beare & forbear, now & then as ye may,
then wenche God a mercy, thy husband will say.

The plowmans feasting daies.

¶ This would not be slept.
Olde guise must be kept.

Feasting
daies.

God huswines who God, hath enriched enough
forget not the feasts, that belong to the plough.
The meaning is onely, to ioy & be glad,
for comfort with labour, is fit to be had.

¶ Plough

The ploughmans feasting daies. Fol. 77

¶ Plough Munday.

1 Plough Munday, next after Twelstide is past at Twelstide, bids out to the plough, the worst husband is last. If ploughman get hatchet, or whip to the skreene, maydes loseth their Coche, if no water be letne.

¶ Shroftide.

2 At Shroftide to shrouing, go thresh the fat Henne, At Shroftide, if blindfold can kill her, then geue it thy meyne. Maides scitters a pancakes, inough see ye make. let slut haue one pancake, for company sake.

¶ Sheepe shearing.

4 wyfe make vs a dinner, spare flesh neither corne, At Shroftide, make wafers & cakes, for our shepe must be shorne. mer. At shepe shearing neighbors, no other thing craue: but good cheate & welcom, like neighbors to haue.

¶ The wake day.

5 fil ouen ful of flaws, Ginney pas not for slepe, The wake to morow thy father, his wake day will kepe. daye. Then euery wanton, may dawnee at her will, both Tomkin with Tomlin, & Jankin with Gill.

¶ Haruest home.

6 For all this good feasting, yet art thou not loose In August, till ploughman thou geuest, his haruest home goose. Though goose go in stubble, I passe not for that, let goose haue a goose be shee leane be shee fat.

¶ Seede

77 161 The ploughmans feasting daies.

¶ Seede cake.

At Hallon
type.

7 Wife for one this weeke, if þ weather hold cleare
an ende of wheat sowing, we make for this yeare
Remember you therefore, though I do it not:
the seede Cake, the Pasties, & Furmentypot.

¶ Twise a weeke roest.

Twise a
weeke roest.

8 good Ploughmē loke wekely, of custome & right
for roestmeat on Sūdaies, & Thursdaies at night
Thus doing & keeping, such custome and guise:
they call the good huswife, they loue the likewise.

The good Huswife

Phisicke.

God huswifes provide, ere an sicknes do come,
of sūdry good things, in her house to haue some.

Good Aqua composita; Vineger tart,

Rose water & Treacle, to comfort the hart.

Colde herbes in her garden, for Agues that burne
that ouer strong heat, to good temper may turne.

Whight Endiue & Suckeye, w Spinage inough,
al such w good pot herbes, should follow þ pleugh.

Get water of fumetory, & puer to coole,

and others the like, or els go like a foole.

Conserue of the Barberie, Quinces & such,

with Sirops that ease the sickly so much.

Phisicion.

Ask Medicus counsel, ere medceen ye make,

and honour that man, for necessities sake.

Though thousands hate phisick, because of the cost,
yet thousands it helpeth, that else should be lost.

Good

The good Huswifely phisick. Fol. 78

Good broth & good keping, doth much now & than Good dyet.
good diet with wise dome, best comforteth man.
In health to be sturring, shall profit thee best,
in sickness hate trouble, seeke quiet & rest.
Remember thy soule, let no fanny preuaile,
make ready to Godward, let faith neuer quaille.
The sooner thy selfe, thou submittest to God,
the sooner he ceaseth, to scourge with his rod,

Thinke on
thy soule.
Haue a
good hope,

*The good motherly
Nurserye.*

Good huswifes take paine, & do cost it good luck
to make ther own brest, their own child to giue suck
Though wrauling & rocking, be noysome so nere,
yet lost by ill nursing, is woiser to here.
But one thing I warne the, let huswife be nurse,
least husband doth find the, to frank to his purse,
What hilbacke & fill belly, maketh away,
that help to make good, or else looke for a fray.
Geue childe that is fitly, geue baby the big,
geue hardnes to youth, & geue roperipe a twig.
we kinde it not spoken, so often for naught,
that children were better, vnbozne than vntaught
Som cockneis with coekig, are made very fooles,
fit neither for prentice, for plough nor for schooles.
Teach child to ask blessing, serue God & to church,
then blesse as a mother: else blesse him with burch.
Thou huswife thus doing, what further shal nede,
but al men to call thee, good mother in dede.

Thinke

¶ Think on the poore.

Remember the poore, & for Gods sake do call,
for God both rewardeth, & blesseth with all.
Take this in good part, what soeuer thou be,
and wish me no worse, then I wishe vnto the.

*For men a perfect warning,
what childe shall come by learning.*

Al you that faine would learne, & perfect way,
to haue your childe, in musik some thing seene
aske Nature first, what thereto she doth say.
ere further sute, ye make to such a Queene.
For doubtlesse (*Grossum caput*) is not he,
of whom the learned Muses, seene will be.

Once tried that nature, trim hath done her part,
and Lady Musicke, farre in loue withall:
Be wise who first, doth teach thy childe that art,
least homely breaker, marre fine ambling Ball.
Not rod in madbraines hand, is that can helpe,
but gentle skill, doth make the proper whelpe.

where choise is harde, count good for well a fine,
skill mixt with will, is he that teacheth best,
Let this suffice, for teaching childe of thine:
chuse quickly well, for all the lingering rest.
Mistought at first, how seldome proueth well?
trim taught (*O God*) how shortly doth excell?
Although

Although as shippes, must carry winde & tide,
and perfect howers, abide their stinted time,
So likewise, though of learning (dayly tride)
space must be had, yett while map thesē to cline:
Yet easy steps, and perfect way to waite,
doth cause good speede, confesse of force we must.

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A Sonnet to the Lady
Paget.

Some pleasures take,
And can not geue,
but onely make,
poore thanks their shift:
Some meaning well,
in det do leue,
and cannot tell,
how else to shift:
Some knocke & faue,
would ope the doore,
to leaue the baile,
good turne to paye:
Some shew good face,
and be but poore,
yet haue a grate,
good fame to saye:

Some owe and geue,
yet still in det,
and so muste leue,
for ought I knowe:
Some wishe to pay,
and cannot get,
but night and day,
still moze must owe.

Euen so must I, for pleasures past
still wish you good, while life doth last
A Compa

A Comparison berweene good

Huswiferie & cull.

Comparing together, good huswiferie bad,
The knowledge of epyther, the better is had.

1 All huswiferie lyeth
till nine of the clocke,
good huswiferie lyeth
to rise with the Cocke.

2 All huswiferie tooteth,
to make her selfe braue,
good huswiferie looketh
what household must haue.

3 All huswiferie trusteth
to him as to hir,
good huswiferie lusteth
her selfe for to sir.

4 All huswiferie careth
for this nor for that,
good huswiferie spareth,
for feare ye wot what.

5 All huswiferie picketh
her selfe up in pride,
good huswiferie picketh
her house as a bride.

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Comparison betweene &c.

6 All huswiferie a thing,
or other must craue;
good huswiferie nothing,
but needfull will haue.

7 All huswiferie moueth,
with gollep to spend,
good huswiferie loueth,
her household to tend.

8 All huswiferie wanteth,
with spending to fast,
good huswiferie scanteth,
the lenger to last.

6 All huswiferie easeth,
her selfe with bakewone,
good huswiferie pleaseth,
her selfe with her owne.

10 All huswiferie brooketh,
mad toies in her hed,
good huswiferie looketh,
that at thing be sed.

11 All huswiferie bringeth,
a shilling to naught,
good huswiferie singeth,
her cofers full fraught.

12 All huswiferie rendeth,
and casteth asyde,

good

Comparifon bet weene a
good hufwiferie mendeth,
elfe would it go wide.

13 All hufwiferie fweepeth,
her linnen to gage,
good hufwiferie kepeth,
to ferue her in age.

14 All hufwiferie craueth,
in fecret to bozow,
good hufwiferie faueth,
to day for to morow.

15 All hufwiferie pineth,
(not hauing to eate),
good hufwiferie dineth,
with plentie of meate.

16 All hufwiferie letteth,
the deuell take all,
good hufwiferie fetteth,
good brag of a fmall.

17 Good hufwif good fame hath
of beft in the towne,
ill hufwife ill name hath,
of euery Clowne.

E.iii.

The

1. The description of womans age by vi times xiii.
yeres prentiship, with a lesson to the same.

14 Two first viſ.yeres, for a rodd they do whine,

28 Two next, as a Perle, in the world they do shine

42 Two next, trim beauty beinnew to swerue,

56 Two next, for matrons, or drudgeis they serue,

70 Two next doth craue, a staffe for a staye:

84 Two next, a beere, to fetch them away.

Then purchas some pelfe,

A Lesson.

Di buckle thyselfe,

a Dendroica to be.

Husbandly Poesies for the hall.

Frend here I dwell, and here I haue, a little worldly pelfe:
which on my friend, I kepe to spend, as well as on my selfe.

2 What euer fare you hap to finde, take welcome for the best:
that hauing then, disdaine thou not, for wanting of the rest.

3 Backbiting falke, & flattering blabs, know willy how to blége
the wile doth note, the frende doth hate, the enmye will reuenge.

The

4 The wisse will spend, as geue & lend, yet kepe to haue in store,
if fooles may haue, from hand to mouth, they pas vpon no more

5 Where ease is sought, at length we see there plenty wareth least
who careleffe liue, go boyes must, or else full often want.

6 The world both think, & wealchy mā, is he that least shall neede
but true it is, the godly man, is he that best shall neede.

Poesies for the Parler.

A hatred, is the serpents noysome rod,
so friendship, is the louing gift of God.

2 The broken frend, is friendship very euill,
the frownde frend, is friendship for the Demill.

3 The quiet frend, al one in woode & dede,
Great comfort is, like ready golde at neede.

4 With brauling fooles, that wiall for euery wog
firme friendship, neuer can continue long.

5 In time that man, shall seldome friendship misse,
that wayeth what thing, touch kept in friendship is.

6 At times a frend, is got with easie cost, com dost thou
which then euill, is oft as quickly lost.

7 Hast thou a frend, as hart may wish at will,
then die him so, to haue his friendship still.

8 Wouldst thou haue a frend, wouldst know what frend is best,
haue God thy frende, who passeth al the rest.

- T**he flower & the carelesse man, the roynish nothing nice,
to lodge in chamber comly deckt, are seldome suffered twice.
- 2 **W**ith curtaine some make scaberd cleene, to conuert their thoe
all dirt & mire, some swallow bed, as spanels vse to doe.
- 3 **T**hough bootes & spurs be nere so foule, what passeth som ther
what place they soile, what thing they teare, by fumbling therup.
- 4 **F**oule male some call on saien bozde, be carpet nere so cleene,
what maners carelesse maister hath, by knaue his man is seene.
- 5 **S**ome make the Chimney chamber pot, to smel like filthy sink
yet who so bolde, so soone to say, tought how these towles stink.
- 6 **T**hey therfore such, as make no toxe, what clep this they spill
must haue a habben like them selues, althoug against their will
- 7 **B**ut gentlemen, wil gently do where gentlenesse is thead,
obseruing this, with loue abide, or else hence al be theye ad.

Posies for thine owne bed
Chamber.

- W**hat wisdome more, what better life, thā pleaseith God to led
what wooldly goods, what longer vie, thā pleaseith god to led
- 2 **W**hat better fare, then wel content, what mirth to godly welth
what better geit then trusty friend, in sickness & in helth
- 3 **W**hat better bed, then quiet rest, to passe the night with sleepe,
what better woake, then dayly care, for sinne thy selfe to keepe.
- 4 **W**hat

4 What better thought, then think on God, & dassy him to serue
 What better gift, than to the poore, that ready be to serue?

5 What greater praise of God and man, than hatred to forsake,
 What merreplesse, shall mercy get, that mercy none will take.

6 What worse dispaire, than loth to die, for feare to go to Hell,
 What greter faith, thā trust in god, through christ in heuē to dwell

Certaine table lessons.

Frende, eateles or drinkles, & buy the a knife,
 else looke for a caruer, not alwape to rise,
 Some kniueles, their daggers for brauery weare,
 that often for surfeting, nede not to feare.

2 At dinner & supper, the table doth craue,
 good felowly neighbour, good maner to haue,
 aduise the well therfore, er tong be to free,
 or flapsauc be noted, to sawcy to be.

3 If eany thing wantith or seemith amisse,
 to call for or shew it, good maner it is.
 But busye sawt synder, & sawcy withall:
 is roister like ruffen, no maner attall.

4 Some cuttith the napkin, some trencher wil nick
 som sheawith like folly, in meany a trick.
 Let apishly bodye, so toying at meate:
 goe top with his nody, with ape in the streate.

B. i.

Some

5 Some cometh vnſent for, not for thy good chere
but bent as a ſpyall, to liſten & here.
which being once knowne, for a knaue let him go,
for knaue wilbe knauish, his nature is ſo.

¶ Table leſſons for wayting ſeruants,

O Ne diligent ſeruiture, ſkilfull to wayght,
more comelyth thy table, then other ſome eight,
That ſtand for to liſten, or gaſing about:
not minding their duetie, within nor without.

2 Such wayter is faulty, that ſtandeth ſo bye,
vnmindfull of ſeruite, for getting his eye.
If maſter to ſuch, geue a bone for to gnawe:
he doth but his office, to teach ſuch a daw.

3 Such ſeruiture alſo, deſerueth a check,
that runneth out fiſking, with meat in his becke.
Such rauening puttocks, for vitels ſo trim:
would haue a good maſter, to puttock with him.

4 Who dayly can ſuffer, or elſe can aſoord,
his meat ſo bp ſnatched, that comes from his boord
So toiled with carmarants, here & there ſome:
and others to want it, that orderly come!

5 Good ſeruiture wayeth, (once dinner begonne,)
what asketh attendance & what to be donne.
So purchaſing maſter, a prayſe with the beſt:
gets prayſe to him ſelfe, both of maſter & geſt.

Princi

*Principall pointes of
Religion.*

- 1 **T**O pray to God continually,
- 2 To learne to know him rightfully
- 3 To honour God in Trinitie,
The Trinitie in vnitie,
The Father in his Maiestie,
The Sonne in his humanitie,
The Holy Ghostes benignitie,
three personnes one in Deitie,
- 4 To serue him alway holily,
- 5 To aske him all thing nedefully,
- 6 To prayse him alway worthely,
- 7 To loue him alway stedfastly,
- 8 To dread him alway fearefully,
- 9 To aske him mercy hartely,
- 10 To trust him alway faithfully,
- 11 To obey him alway willingly,
- 12 To abide him alway paciently,
- 13 To thank him alway thankfully,
- 14 To liue here alway vertuously,
- 15 To vse thy neighbour honestly,
- 16 To looke for death still presently,
- 17 To helpe the poore in misery,
- 18 To hope for heauens felicitye,
- 19 To haue faith, hope, & charitie,
- 20 To count this life but vanitie:
be pointes of Christianitie.

The Authors beliefe.

God the fa-
ther.

This is my stedfast Creede, my sayth & all my trust,
That in the heauens, there is a God, most mighty, mild & iust.
A God aboue all Gods, a king aboue all kynges,
The lord of lordes, chief gouernoz, of heauen & earthly thyngs.

Maker of
heauen

2 That powrer hath of life, of death, of heauen & hell,
That all thing made (as pleaseth him) so wonderfull to tell.
That made the hanging Skies, so deckt with diuers lightes,
of darknes made the cherefull daies, & all our restfull nightes.

The earth.

3 That clad this earth with herbe, with trees of sundry frutes,
with beast, wth bird, both wild & tame, of strange & sundry suites.
That intermixt the same, with mynes (like veins of Ore),
of silver, golde, or precious stones, & treasures many more.

4 That toynd brookes to Dales, to hills fresh water springs,
with Ryuers sweete, along the Acades, to profit many thyngs.
That made the hoary Frowes, the flaky Snolwes so trim,
the hony Dewes, the blustering windes, to serue as pleaseth him.

The Seas.

5 That made the surging Seas, in course to ebbe & flowe,
That skillfull man, with sayling shippe, mought travel to & froe.
And stoze so the same, for mannes vnthankfull sake,
that euery nation vnder heauen, mought thereby profit take.

6 That gaue to man a soule, with reason how to liue,
That doth to him, & althing else, his blessing dayly geue.
That is not secne yet seeth, how man doth runne his race,
whose dayly workes, both good & bad shal knowen befoze his face

7 That sendeth thundring clapps, like terrozs out of hell,
That mā may know, a God ther is, y in the heauens doth dwell.
That sendeth threating plagues, to kepe our liues in awe,
His benefites if we forget, or do contempne his lawe.

8 That

8 That dayly hateth sinne, that loneth vertue well,
And is the God of Abraham, Isaac & Iſraell.
What doth displeasure take, when we his lawes offend,
And yet amys his heauy wrath, his mercy doth extend.

9 This, is that Lorde of hostes, the father of vs all,
the maker of what ere was made, my God on whom I call.
Which for the loue of man, sent downe his onely Sonne,
Begot of him befoze the woꝛlde was any whit begonne.

10 This, entred Maries wombe, as faith affirmeth sure,
conceyued by the Holy Ghost, boꝛne of that virgin pure.
This, was both God & man, of Iewes the hoped king,
and liued here, saue onely sinne, like man in euery thing.

Christs
birth.
Christ God
& man.

11 This, is that virgins childe, that same most holy Priest,
the lamb of God, & Prophet great, whom scripture calleth Christ.
This, that Pessias was, of whom the Prophet spake,
that should tread downe þe Serpents hed, & our attonement make.

Christ our
Pessias

12 This, Judas did betray, to false dissembling Iewes,
Which unto Pilate being Iudge, did falsly him accuse.
Who (through that wicked Iudge) and of those Iewes despight
condempned & tormented was, with all the force they might.

Christs
passion.

13 To lusing wight moze ensill, what could such wretches do:
moze pearcing woundes, moze bitter paines, thā they did put hi to.
They crowned him with thorne, that was the king of kings,
that sought to saue the soule of man, aboue all woꝛldly things.

14 This, was the Pascall lambe, whose loue for vs so goodde,
that on the mount of Caluerine, did shed for vs his blood.
Where hanging on the Crosse, no shame he did forsake,
till deatch geuen him, by pearcing speare, an end of life did make.

Christs
death.

15 This, Ioseph seing dead, the body thence did craue,
and tooke it soflythwisch from the Crosse, & layd it in his graue.
Is. liij.

Christs
burtall.

Downe

The Authours beliefe.

His descen- Do some thence he went to hell, in blysing there his will,
tion. his soule I meane, his layned corps, in Tombe remainyng still.

His resur- 16 From death to life againe, the thirde day this did rise,
rection. and seene on earth to his elect, times oft in sundry wise.
His Ascen- And after into heauen, ascende he did in sight,
tion and sitteth on the right hand there, of God the father of might.

17 Where for vs wretches all, his father he doth pray,
to haue respect vnto his death, and put our sinnes away,
Christ shall From thence is sounded trump, which noyle all flesh shal dread,
be our iudge he shall returne with glozy againe, to iudge the quick & dead.

18 Then shall that voice be heard, come come ye good to mee,
hence hence to hell you workers euill, where paine shal euer bee.
This is that louing Christ, which I my Saviour call,
and onely put my trust in him, & in none else at all.

God the 19 In God the holy Ghost, I firmly do beleue,
Holy ghost which from the father & the Sonne proceeding, life doth geue.
Which by the Prophets spake, which doth all comfort send,
whiche I do trust, shall be my guide, when this my life shal end.

The Catho- 20 A holy catholik Church on earth I graunt there is,
like church & those which frame their liues by that, shall neuer spede amisse.
The head whereof is Christ, his word the chiefeest post:
preseruer of this Temple great, is God the holy Ghost.

The comu- 21 I do not doubt there is, a multitude of Saintes,
nion of moze good is don, resembling the, then shewing the our plaints.
Saints Their faith and works in Christ, that glozy them did geue:
which glozy we shall likewise haue, if likewise we do liue.

forgiuenes 22 At God of heauen there is, forgiuenes of our sinnes,
of sinnes through Christs death, through faith in it, & through none other
But we repentant here, his mercy dayly craue: (giuues.
through steadfast hope & faith in Christ, forgiuenes we shall haue
23 I hope

23 I hope & trust vpon, the rising of the fleshe,
this corps of mine (that first must dye) shall rise againe afresh. spans re-
surrection
The bodie & soule euen then, in one shall toynded be:
As Christ did rise, fro death to life, eue so through Christ shall we

24 As Christ is glorified, & neuer more shall dye,
as Christ ascended is to heauen, through Christ euen so shall I. Life euer-
lasting.
As Christ I count my hed, & I a member of his,
so God I trust, for Christs sake, shall settle me in blisse,

THus here we learne of God, that there be persons three,
the Father, Sonne, the holy Ghost, one God in trinitie.
In substance all like one, one God, one lord, one might,
whose persons yet we do deuide, & so we may by right.

As God the father is, the maker of vs all,
so God the Sonne redeemer is, to whom so; helpe we call,
And God the holy Ghost, the soule of man doth twinne,
by mouing her to waile for grace, ashamed of her sinne.

This is that God of Gods, whom every soule should loue,
who al mens hearts, should quake for feare, his wrath on them to
That this same mightie God, aboue al other chiefe: (more
shall saue my soule, from dolefull Hell, is all my whole beliefe.

of

Of the omnipotentie of God,
and debilitie of man.

O God thou glorious God, what God is like to thee, (see
what life, what strength, is like to thine, as al þ world may
thy beavens, thine earth, thy Seas, & al thy woꝝkes therein,
do shew, (to whō thou wouldest to know) what þ hast euer ben:

2 But all the thoughts of man, are bent to twetched cull,
man doth commit Idolatry, be twetched of the Deuill.
What euill is left vndone, where man may haue his will:
man euer was an hypocrite, & euer will be still.

3 What dayly watch is made, the soule of man to see,
What these by Lucifer, by Belsabub, Sammon, & Asmode.
4. principall In diuelish pride, in watch, in coueting too much,
denels do: in fleshy lust the time is spent, the life of man is such,
signifie.

4 The toy that here he hath, is as a sparke of fier,
his acts be like, the smoldering smoke, him selfe but dirt & miserie:
His strength enen as a Keede, his age much like the flower,
his bzeath oꝝ life is but a puffe, vncertain euery holwer.

5 But foꝝ the holy Ghost, & foꝝ his gistes of grace,
the death of Chꝛist, thy mercy great, man were in woꝝfull case,
I graunt vs therfore loꝝde, to amend that is amisse,
& when from hence, we do depart, to rest with thee in blisse.

*Eleemosina prodest homini in vita, in morte
& post mortem.*

Of almes
deedes,
Foꝝ onely loue to God, moꝝe Chꝛistian like to leue,
and foꝝ a zeale, to help the poore, thine almes dayly geue.
Let gift no gloꝝie looke, noꝝ euell possesse thy minde:
and foꝝ a trothe, thease pꝛofers thꝛe, thꝛough almes shalt þ finde.
FIN

1 First, here the holy Ghost, shall dayly through his grace,
 Mouke thee to repentant life, Gods mercy to embrace.

2 Of goods & frends (by death) when thou thy leaue must take
 thine almes deedes, shall clasp thy soule, & neuer it for sake.

3 When God shall (after death) call soone for thine account,
 Thine almes then, (through faith in Christ) shall al thig els sur-
 But yet for any deebe, put thou no trust therein, (mount
 But put thy trust in God (through Christ) to pardon thee thy sin.
 For else as cacklyng Penne, with nople bewayes her nest,
 Euen so go thou & blase thy deedes, & lose thou all the rest.

Mulus homo.

Of naughty man I reade, two sundry things are ment,
 The one is mā, the other naught, which ought him to repent
 The man we ought to loue, because of muche therein,
 the euill in him, we ought to hate, because it is a sin.
 So doth thy dayly sinnes, thy heavenly lorde offend:
 but when thou dost, repent the same, his wrath is at an end.

*Of two sortes of men, one good,
 and tother bad.*

Whence first the world began, there was & shalbe still,
 Of humaine kinde, two sundry sortes, thone good, & thother ill.
 which till the Iudgement day, shall here to gether dwell,
 But then the good shall vp to heauen, the bad shall down to hell

Diabolo cum resistitur, est vt formica, Cū vero eius
 suggestio recipitur, fortis est vt Leo

When Satan we resist, a Wylmer shall he be,
 But when we seeme, to geue him place, a Lyon then is he.

The description of an enuious &
naughty neighbour.

An enuious neighbour is easie to sende,
His comber some tetches, are seldom behinde,
His hatred procureth, from naughty to worse
His frendship, like Iudas, that carri'd þe purse
His head as a storehouse, with quarrels full fraught.
His braine, is vnquiet, till all come to naught.
His memory preigant, olde euils to recyte,
His minde euer tyred, each euil to requyte.
His mouth full of benygn, his lipps out of frame,
His tong a false witnesse, his frend to defame.
His eyes be promoters, some trespass to spye,
His eares be as spyalls, a larum to crye.
His hands be as tyrants, reuengyng each thing,
His feete at thine elbow, as Serpent to sting.
His brest full of rancor, like Coprus to treat,
His hart, like a Lion, his neighbour to eat.
His gate like a Chesepyster, fearyng asyde,
His looke like a corcumb, vp puffed with pryde.
His face made of brasse, like a vice in a game,
His testure like Darius, whom Terence doth name
His brag as Theristes, with elbolues abroad,
His cheekes in his fury, shall swell like a Tode.
His culler like ashes, his cap in his eyes,
His noese in the ayer, his snout in the skyes.
His promys to trust to, as slipper as yle.
His credyt much like, to the chance of the dyce.
His knowledge or skill, is in practising to muche,
His company shonned, & so be all such.
His frendship is counterfet, selde to trust,
His doings vnlucky, & euer vnst.
His fetch is to flatter, to get what he can,
His purpose once gotten, a pynde for the than.

*Fortuna non est semper amica,
Superbiam igitur semper deuita.*

Though Fortune smiles, & salutes vpon thy side
Thy selfe ertoll for that, no whitte the more,
Though fortune frownes, & wyseth al thing wyde;
Let fany stay, keepe courage still in noze.
For chance may change, as chance hath done befoze,
Thus shalt thou holde, more safe thine honour gott,
Or lose the lesse, though Fortune will or not.

Thy frende at this, shall dayly pleasure haue,
Whē wercly thus, thou bearest thy self vpright,
Thy foes at this, shall gladly friendship craue.
When hope so small is left, to wrech their spight,
For lowely life withstandeth enuy quight.
As floetyng Shyp, by bearing sayle alofte;
Withstandeth storms, whē boistrons wynde do blow.

Thyne blage thus, in time shall win the gale,
Though doubtful haps, dame Fortune sees betwene
And thou shalt see, thine enuyes blowe the eale;
To ease thine hart, much more whē thou dost weene,
Pea though a chage, moste strangely shold be scene,
Yet frend at nede, shall secret friendship make,
When foe in dede, shall want, his parts to take.

Of the authors departing from court
to the Countrey.



Wise not my freende, to finde me here
Contented with, this poore estate,
And seeme to do, with willing chere,
What courtier doth, so deadly hate,
For fortunes looke,
Hath changed helve,
And I my booke,
Must learne a newe.

2 And yet of force, to learne a newe
Would much abash, the dulled bzayne,
I craue to iudge, if this be true,
The truant child, that knoweth the paine,

But where a spight,
Of force must be,
What is that wight,
May disagree,

3 No, no, god wot, to disagree,
Is ventring all to make for tharre,
If fortune frowne, we daily see,
It is not best, to strue to farre.

For lordly bent,
Must learne to spare,
And be content
With country fare.

4 From daintie court, to countrey fare.
To daintified, is diet strange,
From cities ioy, to countrey care,
To skilles folke, is homely change.

Where

What here nedē yet can,
none other skill,
somtime pooze man
must bꝛake his will.

¶ If courtly change, so breaketh will,
that countrey life, must serue the turne,
what profite then, in striding still,
against the prick, to seme to spurne.

If court with cart,
must be content:
what ease to hart,
though mynd repent.

¶ What gayne I, though I do repent,
my crotches al, are broke and gone,
My woonted friendes, are careless bent,
they feare no chance, I chance vpon.

As nedē doth make
olde age to trot,
So must I take,
in worth my lot.

¶ Now, if I take in worth my lot,
that fatall chance both foze me to,
If ye be friendes, embraide me not,
but vse a friend, as friendes should do.

Behold the hoxse
must trudge for pelfe:
And yet of foze
content it selfe.

The Auclours life.

Nowe gentle freende, yf thou be heende,
Disdaine thou not, although the lot,
Will nowe with me, no better be,

When doth apere:
For let it greue, that thus I leue,
But rather gesse, for quietnes,
As others do, so do I to,
Content me here.

1 By leane & lone, of God alone,
I minde to theaue, in verhis feawe,
How through þe byers, my yentful yeres,
haue ronne their race:
And furder saye, why thus I staye,
& minde to leue, as bee in heue,
Full bent to spend, my life to amend,
in this same place.

Borne at
Kyuenhall
in Essex

2 It came to pas, that borne I was,
Of linnage good, of gentle blood,
In Essex lare, in village lare,
that Kyuenhall hight:
Which village lide, by banektre side,
Where spend did I, myne infancy,
There then my name, in honest fame,
remainde in sight.

Set to song
choole.

3 I, yet but yonge, no speche of songe,
For teares withall, that often fall,
Fro mothers eyes, when childe out cryes,
to part her fro:
Could pyttie make, good father take,
But out I must, to longe be thruf,
Saye what I woulde, do what I coulde,
his mynde was so.

O paineful

5 O paineful time, for every crime,
 What toiled eares, like bayted beares,
 What hobbled lipps, what jerks, what nipps,
 What hellish toyes:
 What roebes how bare, what colledge fare,
 What bread how stale, what peany ale,
 When Wallingford, how wart thou abozde,
 Of feely boyes.

Maisters
 Mystry.

Walling-
 ford college

6 When for my voyce, I must (no choyce)
 Awaye of force, like poeking hoyse,
 For sundry men, had plagards then,
 Such childe to take:
 The better byek, the lesser rest,
 To sorue the Queere, now there now here,
 For time so spent, I maye repent,
 And sorow make.

Singyng
 mens com-
 missions.

7 But marke the chance, my selfe to bance,
 By freendships lot, to Bowels I got,
 So sownde I grace, a certeyn space,
 Till to remayne:
 With Redford there, the like no where,
 For cunning such, & vertue unche,
 By whom some parte, of Spanish arte,
 So did I gaine.

Yhon Red-
 ford an ex-
 cellent mu-
 sition.

8 From Bowels I went, to Aeton sent,
 To learne straight wayes, the Latine phayes,
 Where spty three, scrippes geuen to me,
 At once I had:
 For sawt but small, or none at all,
 yt cam to pas, thus beat I was,
 He Wall se, the mercy of the,
 to me pooze lad.

Nicholas
 Wal schole
 master at
 Eton.

The Anclours life.

Trinite
hall in Cā,
bydget.

9 To London hence, to Camebridge the nce,
With thanks to thee, o Trinite,
That to thy hall, so passing all
I got at last:
There top I felt, there trim I dwelt,
Where heauen from hell, I shifted well,
With learned men, a number then,
The tyme I past.

Lord Paget
good to his
seruants.

10 Long sicknes had, then was I glad,
To leaue my booke, to prope & looke,
In Court what gaine, by taking payne,
I sought well be founde:
Lorde Paget than, that poeble man,
Whose soule I trust, is with the iust,
That same was he, enryched me,
With many a pounce.

The Hope
we haue of
the dead

11 While this berped, good parents dyed,
One after one, till both were gone,
Whose petygree, who lyst may see,
The Harroldes booke:
Whose soules in blisse, be longer thyse,
For hope we must, as God is iust,
So here that craue, shall mercy haue,
That mercy looke.

The byres
of y Court.

12 By Court I spyed, & ten peres tryed,
That cardes & byre, with Venus byre,
And penish pride, fro vertue wyde,
With some so wraught:
That Wyburne playe, made them alwaye,
O; beggers state, as euill to hate,
By such like euills, I sawe such dyeuills,
To come to naught.

13 Yet is it not, to be forgot, deere that I might
In Court that some, to worship come,
And some in time, to honour cline,
And speede full well: that some
Some haue such gift, that trym they shift,
Some profit make, by paynes they take,
In perill much, though oft are such,
In Court that dwell.

The Court
commendid

14 In the Court gan scotson, & strife in town
And lordes & knights, satue heaup fights,
Then looke I wise, & led my life,
In Suffolke tople:
There was I sayne, my selfe to sayne,
To learne to long, the sermons long,
For hope of pelfe, lyke wooldy else,
To moyle & toyle.

The nobill
tie at baris
ante,

15 As in this booke, who left to looke,
Of husbandrye, and huswiferye,
There maye he finde, more of my minde,
Concerning this:
To carpe & care, & euer bare,
With losse & payne, to lytle gayne,
All this to haue, to cram the knaue,
What life it is.

The author
of the booke

16 In the wile cold not, through syknes got,
more tople abyde, to nigh sea tyde,
Then thought I best, from tople to rest,
And Ipswich repere
A towne of pisse, lyke paradyse,
For quiet then, & honest men,
There was I glad, much friendship had,
A tyme to spee.

The author
of the booke

The Auctours life.

17 There left good wife, this present life,
And there left I, house charges lye,
For glad was he, mought send for me,

Good luck to stode:

In Suffolke there, were every where,
Euen of the best, besides the rest,
That neuer dyd, their friendship bed,
To do me good.

Suffolke
commend

18 O Suffolke thou, content the now,
That hast the people in those same daies,
For Squyers & knightes, that wel delight,

Good house to keepe:

For Dorsethe wytes, so full of gyles,
Have caught my toe, by wyting so,
That out to thee, I see for mee,
No way to creepe.

Mistres A.
my Poone.

19 For lo, through galle, what happs & while,
Through Venus toyes, in hope of toyes,
Fchanced soone, to fynde a moone,
Of cherefull be w:

Which well a fyne, we thought did shyne,
Did neuer change (a thing most strange)
yet kept in sight, her course aright,
And compas trew.

The char-
ges folowig
a yōg wife.

20 Beholde of traneh, with wife in youth,
For toy at large, what dayly charge,
Through childrens happ, what opened gapp,
To more begonne:

The childe at nurse, to robb the purse,
The same to wedd, to trouble hed,
For pleasure rare, such endles care,
With husband wonne.

21 When did I dwell, In Wyram sell,
A place for wood, that trymply stood,
With flesh & fysh, as hart would wish,

But when I spyed:

That lord with lord, coulde not aryde,
But now pounde he, & now pounde we,
Then left I all, because suche dally,
I lyst not byde.

West Wyram
Abbey
to stand
there

22 O Soothwell what, meant thou by that,
Thou worthy wight, thou famous knight,
So me to craue, & to thy grave,

Go by & by:

O death thou sor, why dydst thou so,
Ungently treat, that Jewell great,
Which oep't his doore, to riche & poore,
So bounteously.

Sir Richard
Soothwell
a good house
keeper.

23 Where thus bestad, when leaue I had,
By death of him, to sink o' swm,
And Raucens I sawe, together dyawne,
In such a sorte:

Then wayes I sought, by wisdoms tought,
To beare lowe sayle, least stock should quaple,
Till ship mought finde, with prosperous winde,
Some safer poore.

Wyram
Abbey
to stand
there

24 At length by betwe, to thore I dyetwe,
Discharging straight, both ship & freight,
At Porwich syne, for me & mine,

A Citty tryn:

Where straungers well, may seeme to dwell,
That pyth & pay, o' keepe their day,
But who that want, shall fynde it scant,
So good for hym.

Porwich
Citty.

Al. If.

25 But

The Auctours life.

Poster
Saltberye
deane of
Porwich

25 But Saltberye how, were kept my bolue,
If prayse from the, were kept by me,
Thou gentle deane, my onely meane,
there then to leue:
Though churles such somme, to craue can come,
And praye once got, regard the not,
yet leue or dye, so will not I,
example geiue.

Gratiff
the
deane of
Porwich

26 When leached men, could there no, then,
Deuise to avenge, the stoery rage,
For yet the furle of my disturie,
that long I had:
From Porwich aye, in great dispaye,
Away to flye, or else to dye,
To seeke more helth, to seeke more welth,
Then was I glad.

Fayersted
personage
in Ester.

27 From thence so sent, away I went,
With sicknes woorne, as one so lame,
To house my bed, at Fayersted,
Where whiles I dwelt:
The tye thing life, the tye thing strife,
Through tye thing ill, of Jack & Gyll,
The dayly payes, the myrry wayes,
So long I felt.

28 When charges growe, still new & newe,
And that I spies, if person died,
(All hope in vayne) to hope for gayne,
I might go daunce:
Once, to my haw, of personage land,
Thence by & by, away went I,
To London straight, to hope & waight,
For better chance.

29 Well London well, that beareth the bell,
Of praise about, England through out,
And dost in deede, to such as needs,

Muche kindnes shew,
Who that with thee, can hardly agree,
For can well praise, thy friendly waies,
Shall friendship finde, to please his minde,
In places feaw.

30 As for such mates, as learning hates,
He or they, as go, so gey,
That needes he must, take all of troff,

For him & his;
Though such for two, by A. thberre go,
For bring spide, about Cheapside,
Least Percers bookes, for money looket,
Small matter it is.

31 Thus frendes by me, percoine may se,
That Gentry standes, not all by lardes,
For all so fess, or plenty left,

By parents gift:
But now & then, of gentle men,
The yonger sonne, is giuen to come,
And glad to seeke, from creeke to creeke,
To come by thrist.

32 And more by this, to transfer is,
In woold is set, enough to get,
But where & whan, that scarcely can,

The wisest tell:
By learning some, to riches come,
By thyp & plough, some get enough,
And some to wine, that trim they thine,
And spee full well.

London ed-
mendia

A lesson for
yonger by-
thers

The authors life.

**Hardnes in
youth not
lost.**

**Cocking of
youth not
best.**

**Not pryde
in youth,
but welth i
age nedeful**

**Man doth
laboz & god
doth blisse**

33 To this before, add one thing more,
Youth hardnes taught, to knowledge wrought
Holle apt do proue, to thiffe & thour,
Among the best:

Wher cocking Wads, make safery lads,
In youth so rage, to begg in age,
Or else to fetch, a Wyburis wrech,
Among the rest.

34 Not rampithe tops, of gyde oz boye,
Nor garment tryn, of hie oz hym,
In childhode speeth, to fond intent,
Good end doth frame:
If marke we shall, the somme of all,
The end it is, that noted is,
Which if it bide, with vertue ride,
Deserueh same.

35 When all is donne, learne this my sonne,
Not frend noz shyff, noz wyf at wyll,
Nor hypp noz clod, but onely God,
Doth all in all,
Man taketh payne, God geueth gayne,
Man doth his best, God doth the rest,
Man well enteris, God soyren lends,
Else want he shall.

36 Some seeke for welth, I seeke my helth,
Some seeke to please, I seeke myne ease,
Some seeke to saue, I seeke to haue,
To liue bryght:
More then to ryde, with ponne oz pryde,
Or for to let, in others des,
Such is my skill, & shalbe still,
For any wight.

37 To fond weare I here this to lye,
vntles that welth, mought furder helth,
and profet some, should thereby come,
to help withall:

This causeth me, wel pleased be,
such dylt to make, such life to take,
enfozlinge minde, remoyse to finde,
as nede, nede, shall.

38 Frende (al thing wayed, that here is sayed,
and beinge got, that payes the shet)
me thinke of right, haue leaue I might,
dearth drawinge nerer:

To seke some wayes, my god to prayes,
and merce craue, in time to haue,
and so: the rest, what he thinks best,
to suffer here.

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